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THE EARLY MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

By Jack W. Ogilvie, Hollywood, California

This month, Mr. Edward Olander of Manchester, Conn., became member number 16222 of the American Numismatic Association, and a list naming 210 sponsored applicants await the necessary official sanction, then they too will be entered on the Membership Rolls and another large group of names will appear on the application register. So it goes, month following month, the list growing in number each time. Over sixteen thousand persons having gone through this ritual of joining an organization wherein all have one thing in common — the study, collecting and trading in things pertaining to numismatics. After Mr. Olander has found his number to be 16222, he suddenly realizes that a great many others had the same idea of association for a common cause, prior to his entry. Who were some of these people? When did it all start? Who started it? Who was Number One? These and many other questions remain unanswered unless one delves into back volumes of *The Numismatist*, consults "old timers" and checks and rechecks the records. The results of such a quest unveils a roster of some very interesting and capable people — the early members of the A.N.A.

Should the new member glance at the masthead of *The Numismatist*, he will note that it is now in its 61st year of publication, that it was founded in 1888 by Dr. George F. Heath at Monroe, Michigan. The foregoing fact is the start of this story because it is the start of the A.N.A. It was in October 1888 that Dr. Heath published a little four-page leaflet which he called, THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIST, Volume 1, Number 1, printed on a small hand press with odd looking type. It was quite unpretentious in its getup with one article, "On Collecting," and a few brief paragraphs of statistical nature interesting to numismatists. The remaining space was devoted to personal advertisements of the Doctor's packets of coins he had for sale. More elaborate details of Dr. Heath and his early *Numismatist*, which was what he preferred calling it after the first issue, can be found in a story written by his son in the July, 1932 issue of our magazine or in an article written by our capable Historian Farran Zerbe in the "Fifty Year Index." Here it is only necessary to say that after many ups and downs that reached a low with the

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November-December issue of 1889 when it all but discontinued, the Doctor managed to keep his venture going for another long year and to begin 1891.

Heath had learned there were twenty thousand collectors and people interested in numismatics in this country. He doubted the figures, for if there were, then some nineteen thousand seven hundred either had not heard of his *Numismatist* or did not read, and preferred, as he put it, "to stay in the darkness of their cellars." The Doctor began a diagnosis of the ills of his hobby. Clubs or Societies pertaining to numismatics were in existence in such cities as Boston, Philadelphia, New York and Pittsburgh, but clinging to the policy of a closely knit group functioning strictly on a local basis. Numismatists of other places or sections had no means of getting together, of exchanging ideas or duplicates. Library facilities were inaccessible to these collectors. What was needed was an organization National in its scope. He had it! Then and there he conceived the idea of an Association of Numismatists. In his February 1891 issue, the embryo was started with the simple question, "What's the matter with having an AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION?" This was followed in the March issue by an article captioned, "A Plea for an American Numismatic Association," in which Dr. Heath appealed to his subscribers "... There seems to be a universal need of some organization of this kind ... for the benefit of the great mass of collectors. ... We have always had unlimited faith in our science. We have great faith in its future. ... There is nothing like the alliance of kindred pursuits to stimulate interest and growth." He then asked for opinions from others.

William G. Jerrems of Chicago, wrote him, "I am in favor of a National Society." Farrar Ineson, from neighborly Canada said, "I think it is a step in the right direction." Clarence Mathis, from far out Greenwood, Nebraska, penned, "It would bring coin collectors into closer union with each other." John F. Jones, of Jamestown, N. Y., "I think a Numismatic Association would be all right." Charles W. Stutesman, of Indiana put it, "I wish success to the formation of The American Numismatic Association." Then Wm. Von Bergen wrote, "Put me down as a member."

Fortified with the good wishes of so many of his numismatic friends, the Doctor's next move was getting together a list of Temporary Officers, consisting of Wm. G. Jerrems as President; Joseph Hooper of Ontario, Vice President; Charles T. Tatman of Worchester, Mass., Secretary; David Harlowe, Treasurer; and a Board of Trustees, consisting of Charles W. Stutesman, John F. Jones and W. Kelsey Hall, of Peterboro, Ont. "We should start with twenty-five members," (!!!!!) said Heath. But this modest figure of the Doctor's was somewhat offset by his prophecy, "Tall oaks from little acorns grow." The field is wide and rich and the harvest sure." It is doubtful, however, if the Doctor even in the wildest stretch of his imagination visualized the veritable "forest" that was to spring from that "one little acorn." The twenty-five names he wanted had signed up by July, and it was announced that the first Convention would be held in Chicago on October 7th, 1891. It was on this date that Heath, Tatman, Jerrems, Harlowe, Brydon and Heckelman met in the Midwestern city and formed the American Numismatic Association. True to the laws of nature, he knew so well as a doctor, exactly nine months after the date of its conception, Heath's prize baby was born. Sixty-one men were listed as qualified or Charter Members.

Each was given a number and — you guessed it — Dr. George F. Heath, the founder of the A.N.A. was given Number One, a credit richly deserved. May it ever remain thus!

All Temporary Officers were elected to serve in their same capacities for the ensuing year, and Sam H. Chapman of Philadelphia, was made Librarian and Curator. Two more members were added to the Board of Trustees, J. A. Heckelman and Hiram Deats. The last named gentleman of Flemington, New Jersey, is still with us, holding Life Membership Number 65 presented him at the 1942 A.N.A. Convention for his long and faithful sojourn in the Association. Strangely enough, Fate picked a second member of that same Board as a present day survivor. He is John F. Jones of Jamestown, N. Y. The members present at the First Convention adopted a Constitution and By-Laws, and worked out a general plan of organization. Dr. Heath summed it up this way, "The foundation of the A.N.A. was not laid for today alone, but for the long and distant future as well. Each member can do a little in contributing to its success."

With this thought foremost in its membership body, the Association began to grow, and by Convention time in 1892, had doubled its original number and boasted one hundred twenty-two members. In April of that year, Joseph Hooper designed and proposed what later became, with very minor changes, the present A.N.A. Seal. At the Second Convention held in Pittsburgh, the *Numismatist* became the official organ of the baby organization, and Dr. Heath elected its President. O. W. Page was made Secretary, W. C. Stone became Librarian, and Wm. Jerrems took the place of Hiram Deats on the Board. With these men at the helm, the organization again had a prosperous year with the membership swelling to one hundred sixty-two by Convention time. It was held August 21, 1893, in Chicago with twenty members present. The same group of officers were re-elected with these exceptions: A. L. Fisher became Treasurer, and Deats and Harlowe went on the Board in place of Jerrems and Jones.

The year 1894 proved to be a banner year for our numismatic baby, and by December, E. B. Stevens of Parsons, Kansas, was the last to enter the fold and was given Number 233. At the Fourth Convention held in Detroit Museum of Art in August, A. G. Heaton, a close friend of Heath's, was elected President and the Doctor dropped out of the official circle to confine his activities to publishing *The Numismatist*. It was now a full-fledged magazine averaging better than twenty pages to the issue. George W. Rice became Secretary in 1895 when O. W. Page died in office.

The stimulus previously given seemingly carried on through 1895 and into 1896, for by June of that year, W. E. Sherrill of Haskel, Texas was the last person admitted and given Number 297. Even then, the storm clouds were gathering and without the good Doctor at the helm, the little ship he had so successfully steered on its course, began to flounder. Alas and alack! Politics reared its ugly head. All the good work previously accomplished seemed to fade with the tide of events. A War was fought and won. William Jennings Bryan had his say about the silver situation and national problems, combined with the Association's own, all but wrecked the infant craft. Dr. Heath personally steered clear of any entanglements in the political situation and stuck to publishing *The Numismatist*.

It was without doubt the Doctor's paper which proved to be the one ray of hope that pulled the Association out of the mire and again set it on a firm foundation and the road to success. Heath once more utilized its columns to drum up interest in what appeared to be a lost cause. Late in 1898, a mail vote was taken, and Joseph Hooper was elevated from Vice President to President; Heckelman, made Vice President; Heath, made Secretary and placed on the Board with such new men as Lyman H. Low and Henry Chapman.

Dr. Heath then set about striving to untangle the mess the Organization, if you could call it that, had fallen into. He learned, to his dismay, that of the almost three hundred members on the original roster, somewhat less than a hundred were still active. Some had died, others resigned, but most of them had just dropped out and forgotten the seemingly lost cause. It took him until the summer of 1899 to pull the loose threads together and start the membership roster moving. All of the faithful were reassigned numbers from 1 to 99, and the backlog of new applicants given numbers starting at 100. Several persons laid claim to having tried to join during the disorganized period, found no access to the rolls, but later, upon asking, received a low number. It seems that even in these early days the only place a low number was not desirable was Sing Sing Prison.

Just who were these lucky people with the low numbers? What did they do to start the Organization and keep it going? Of the sixty-one Charter Members, thirty-one were outstanding. Of the two hundred ninety-seven original, some one hundred twenty-three returned and sixty-eight or better than one out of five — were prominent in the field of numismatics. So let us take the re-assigned roster and see how it looks for a few numbers down.

No. 1	Dr. George F. Heath	Monroe, Mich.
No. 2	Charles T. Tatman	Worcester, Mass.
No. 3	Wm. G. Jerrems, Jr.	Chicago, Ill.
No. 4	David Harlowe	Milwaukee, Wis.
No. 5	J. A. Heckelman	Cullom, Ill.
No. 6	John F. Jones	Jamestown, N. Y.
No. 7	Wm. Von Bergen	Boston, Mass.
No. 8	Chas. W. Stutesman	Peru, Ind.
No. 9	John A. Brudin	New York, N.Y.
No. 10	John E. Morse	Worcester, Mass.
No. 11	Joseph Hooper	Port Hope, Ont.
No. 13	Clarence A. Mathis	Greenwood, Nebr.
No. 14	Edward Frossard	New York, N.Y.
No. 15	Hiram E. Deats	Flemington, N.J.
No. 17	Samuel H. Chapman	Philadelphia, Pa.
No. 18	Henry Chapman	Philadelphia, Pa.
No. 20	Philip Whiteway	London, England
No. 21	Herbert E. Morey	Boston, Mass.
No. 22	S. C. Stevens	Chicago, Ill.
No. 23	Dr. B. P. Wright	Springfield, Mass.
No. 25	Dr. H. R. Storer	Newport, R.I.
No. 26	D. F. Howorth	Ashton, England
No. 30	A. G. Heaton	Washington, D.C.
No. 32	Luther B. Tuthill	South Creek, N.C.

No. 34 R. D. Hay
No. 36 David C. Wismer
No. 40 Rev. J. D. Zimmerman

Winston-Salem, N.C.
Hatfield, Pa.
Syracuse, N.Y.

And so they go, on and on, up to —, ——. Recognize any of these men? Why most certainly! Three of the above are still on the membership rolls of 1948. Hiram E. Deats number 15; R. D. Hay number 34; and David Wismer number 36. The fourth, John F. Jones number Six, previously mentioned as an early officer, has retired from active membership. Jones, Deats and Hay are three surviving Charter members, while Mr. Wismer enrolled December 1, 1892. The names of several more of the above gentlemen have received previous mention as officers and organizers, but let us now give them some individual attention.

Dr. George F. Heath, big, fat and good-natured, devoted more of his time to coins and numismatic literature than he did to his personal appearance. At one time or another he held every important post in the Association with the exception of vice presidency. He evidently was farsighted enough to relinquish this office to present day radio executives. He was Editor of *The Numismatist* from 1888 to the time of his death, June 16, 1908, and wrote many articles and papers. Among the most notable of these were: "The Centennial of United States Coinage," "The Coins of Republican Rome," "Utility of Hobbies" (an address), etc. He also conducted chatty columns "With the Editor" and "Numismatic Tabloids." In earlier days he was a dealer and boasted a private collection of Ancient coins. In his "spare time" he was Mayor of his town and practiced medicine. His athletic power and ability on the gridiron while attending the University of Michigan was never extolled, but for the A.N.A. he was their first and best Quarterback, always carrying the ball — and while thrown for a loss on several occasions, always came back and scored a touchdown. In the vernacular of present day Hollywood, he "ran the show" and most surely lived up to his assignment of Number One of the A.N.A.

Numbers Two and Three, Tatman and Jerrems, First Secretary, and First President, respectively, both lived for many years and strangely enough the Grim Reaper gathered them in as closely together as were their A.N.A. numbers, just one week apart in December of 1945. Charles Tatman first drew the attention of Dr. Heath by conducting a column on numismatics in a Boston paper "Plain Talk" which was later designated the First Official Organ of the Association. A school boy of eighteen at the time, he later became a very successful and noted lawyer of Springfield, Mass. Both he and Jerrems contributed papers to *The Numismatist*. Our First President was an ardent collector of Greek and Roman coins, a field in which he was considered an authority. Mr. Jerrems was awarded an Honorary Membership in 1935 and Mr. Tatman given a Life Membership at the 1942 Convention.

Numbers Four and Five, Harlowe and Heckelman, held important offices during the infancy of the Organization and both helped out by writing articles for our paper. Mr. Harlowe was a devout member from that day he met Heath in Chicago until his death in 1933. Mr. Jones, number Six, was previously mentioned as being on the First Board of Trustees. He also contributed articles in the early days, but waited until 1937 to 1944 to really hit his stride. During these years he delivered a series of papers on "Commemorative Coins of the U.S."; "The 1804

Dollar"; "Encased Postage Stamps"; "Fractional Currency"; and "The 1856 Flying Eagle Cent."

Wm. Von Bergen, No. 7, was a well-known and respected Boston dealer, who, in 1901, authored a book "The Rare Coin Encyclopedia." Charles W. Stutesman No. 8 and John E. Morse No. 10 both were members for many years. The former lived until 1939 and the latter, 1943. Morse was presented a Life Membership at the 1942 Convention. His record was fifty-one years of continuous membership in the A.N.A. Stutesman served on the First Board and was elected for five consecutive times. He was tendered Honorary membership shortly before he died. John Brudin, No. 9; Joseph Hooper, No. 11; Dr. B. P. Wright, No. 23; A. G. Heaton, No. 30; and George W. Rice, No. 53, were Associate Editors with Dr. Heath, and all contributed many worthwhile articles to our magazine. Brudin, a Swedish immigrant, collected and wrote about Oriental Coinage. His was the first paper to be published in *The Numismatist*. He died very mysteriously while searching for coins in New York's Chinatown.

Joseph Hooper became Fourth President of the Association in 1898 after serving four terms as Vice President. He started a column called "Hooper's Restrikes" in 1892 and the interesting little paragraphs under this caption appeared for many years. He was made an Honorary member in 1912 and lived until 1919. Dr. B. P. Wright was our Fifth President, from 1901 to 1904, then Chairman of the Board until 1907, and was the first to attempt to classify the Masonic Chapter Penny. A. G. Heaton was Third President from 1894 to 1898, then served on the Board until 1901. He was Dr. Heath's most prolific writer, his repertoire running from poetry to almost any subject in numismatics. He was an authority on early mint marks and authored a book on the subject. George W. Rice was Secretary from 1895 to 1898 and served three terms on the Board. His weakness was 1856 Flying Eagle Cents and he amassed seven hundred fifty-six of these rarities. As a writer, he confined his subjects to statistics on U.S. coinage. Clarence Mathis, No. 13, helped start the A.N.A., then satisfied himself by just being a collector; thereby out-living most of his fellow members. He, Tatman and Jerrems, all were members for fifty-four years.

Edward Frossard, No. 14, a big tall Civil War veteran was a New York dealer and sales conductor. At the time of his death in 1899 he had held one hundred sixty Auctions. From 1877 to 1884, the Professor published a magazine on Numismatics called "Numisma." He also authored a work on U.S. Cents and Half Cents. To mention prominent dealers and sales cataloguers and not include the two Chapmans in the same paragraph would be doing them an injustice. Samuel H. and Henry were the two be-whiskered gentlemen in reference and they lived and did business in the City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia. For many years they were like twins, but later each ran his own establishment. On occasions they created numismatic history with their sale of a Brasher Doubloon, or an 1804 Dollar. A book could be written about these two pioneers of American Numismatics. Both held offices from time to time in the Association. Sam was always number 17 on the Membership Roll, but Henry never could decide which he liked best — number 18, his re-assigned number, or 28, which seemed to be his later choice. Sam lived until 1931 and Henry to 1935.

Hiram Deats, No. 15, previously mentioned, served four terms on the early Board. To him goes the honor of being our Senior Member, with fifty-seven years of almost continuous membership. Philip White-way, No. 20, and A. H. Baldwin, No. 31, of merry olde England, did their bit from across the pond. Whiteway was a writer of subjects pertaining to Ancients and a collector of the same. Baldwin was an established London dealer noted for his remarkable memory and fair dealings, who lived until 1936. Herbert E. Morey, No. 21, and E. S. Norris, No. 33, were both Bostonians and both dealers.

Who was the first woman member? She was Mrs. Mary O. Mills of Bloomington, Wisc., original number 180, but was closely followed by Mrs. Lucy M. Heath, No. 181, first wife of the famous doctor. Both became members January 1, 1894, and died prior to 1899.

The first Canadian member was Farrar Ineson, Charter No. 8. Six more of his countrymen were Charter Members—all from Ontario. Cicero Peregrino, Charter No. 52, of Brazil, was the only South American. Other prominent early members were Mulford Jenkins, first to advertise in *The Numismatist*; Lewis M. Lang of Baltimore, who answered the Golden Jubilee Roll Call at the 1941 Convention; W. Kelsey Hall, a Canadian dealer and early officer of the Association; Charles H. Trask, Editor of the "Coin Collectors' Journal" of 1892; H. Russell Drowne, also quite prominent in the American Numismatic Society for many years; W. F. Greany, a pioneer San Francisco Dealer (Why didn't he lay away a few more rolls of those 1901S Quarters?); Charles and Samuel Spink of London, Editors of "Spink's Numismatic Circular"; Major Adam Smith and Chas. J. Rodgers of India, who wrote articles on numismatics of that sphere. Francis Kimball, a Boston Dealer, was another Charter Member out for several years, only to return in 1916 as number 1832. Edward Heusinger of San Antonio, Texas, first joined in 1892 as number 118, dropped out and later re-entered as 572. Mr. Heusinger has always dealt in hardware, and collected hard money—both ways. He is next to Mr. Deats and Hay in seniority with fifty-six years behind him. A similar member was Charles H. Deetz, a prominent collector of Washington, D.C., who first enrolled in 1895 and upon re-entering was assigned number 1581. His specialty was large cents and ancients.

S. C. Stevens, No. 22, a bearded philosopher of whom it was said he could discuss any topic without gloves, was Librarian from 1901 to 1904, somewhat of a writer and a Chicago dealer. The "Grand Old Man" of American Numismatics, Dr. H. R. Storer, No. 25, and later Honorary, wrote about Medals connected with medicine. Daniel F. Howorth, No. 26, of Ashton-under Lyne, England, gave us several informative papers on the coins of European countries. Luther B. Tuthill, No. 32, was a dealer in the South—a sort of early day Senator Claghorn. He only handled paper money pertaining to Southern States and made from Southern pulp. He even lived in South Creek Nor-r—Doo-nn-ttt use that word!!! Carolina. R. D. Hay, No. 34, Southern gentleman from North Carolina, previously mentioned as a surviving Charter Member, rejoined the Association in recent years. W. C. Stone, an early Librarian and Vice President, held number 34 for many years.

David C. Wismer, No. 36, is also an Honorary Member. He started pushing a pen on numismatic subjects in 1894, but is perhaps better

known as the author of the most complete treatise on Broken Bank Bills ever written. This subject ran serially in *The Numismatist* from 1922 to 1936. Another Honorary Member was Charles Morris, also No. 38. He was a famed Chicago collector who believed in knowing his coins. His numismatic library numbered over two hundred volumes. Rev. Jeremiah Zimmerman, No. 40, a Lutheran Pastor and university professor, was a writer of scholarly articles pertaining to ancient Greek and Roman coinage. Dr. A. L. Fisher, No. 46, was Treasurer from 1893 to 1904 and also wrote occasional papers.

Lyman H. Low, No. 51, the dapper gentleman with the gray hair and goatee, while the congenial manager of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., prepared their catalogues of 1893 and 1894. They are considered by many to be his greatest and still unsurpassed works. However, his two books on "Hard Times Tokens" probably are the more popular, and proved him to be an authority on that branch of our numismatics, which are still attributed according to Low. In later years he went into business for himself and conducted a total of two hundred eleven auction sales. George J. Bauer, No. 55 and Life Member No. 4, still resides in Rochester, N.Y. His entry in the Association dates April 1, 1892, a span of fifty-six years — a little item which was almost overlooked at the 1947 Convention in Buffalo. During all these years, he, too, has held every office but secretary — even to vice presidency. He reached the top in 1930 when he became our Seventeenth President. Mr. Bauer is also a writer, sales cataloguer, dealer and zealous collector. He has probably been present at more Conventions than any other member.

Carl Wurtzbach, No. 65, and Life No. 26, was another product of that numismatic state, Massachusetts. He was on the Board from 1913 until elected our Twelfth President in 1917, serving two terms in that high office. He contributed many papers to *The Numismatist* from time to time, and had one of the largest collections of Colonial silver coins ever amassed. He just recently passed away. George C. Arnold, No. 67, was a dealer in Providence, R.I., who contributed the New England Notes and papers on Colonial issues, to our magazine. B. H. Collins, No. 76, was a well-liked dealer in Washington, D.C. He wrote a few articles on the coins he loved so well — Copper Cents. Number 70 was Jacob Weigle who commuted between this number and 69 for reasons best known to himself and the Secretary at the time. Thomas Voetter, No. 81, traveled throughout the countries, "South of the Border" and South America. Most of his articles dealt with the coinage of those nations. He lived until 1942. E. B. Stevens, No. 82, of Parsons, Kansas, was one of the members who helped make the A.N.A. "a fixture in American organizations." Virgil M. Brand, the prominent Chicago collector, fell heir to No. 87. Who among us has not heard of the fabulous Brand Collection?

It was the privilege of this writer to have personally known the next member, Howard R. Newcomb, No. 91. Mr. Newcomb's official duties were limited to five terms on the Board, but his presence was felt at many of the early Conventions. His first work, "U.S. Cents of 1801, 02, 03," established him as an authority on this subject, and "U.S. Cents of 1816 to 1857" is the latest and by far the most complete treatise on the varieties of these, the backbone of American numismatics. Under mysterious circumstances back in 1902, No. 95 came up assigned to

I. Excell of Chicago who held it until sometime after 1920. Traditionally, all doctors have a skeleton, and apparently this one was Heath's. No. 98, Charles Steigerwalt, was a mail-order dealer of Lancaster, Pa., noted for his congeniality. He held the office of Counterfeit Detector in 1902 but otherwise was contented with just being a dealer.

No era can transpire and end completely without being somewhat interlocked into another chain of events and parade of personalities. The members that follow were the ones who helped the first hundred pull the A.N.A. out of the rut and on to the road of success. The trans-fusion of this new blood with the old was the treatment the Doctor ordered for the ails of the Association and the wisdom of his prescription is borne out by the statistics of his "baby's" growth from that time hence. Who was No. 100?

David Whittier of Raymond, New Hampshire, was given that number, and 101 went to far-off India, C. E. Kotwald of Bombay. Next! Well, believe it or not, it's George F. Marlier, still residing in Pittsburgh, and still holding the same No. 102. His record of forty-nine years of continuous membership we hope may soon exceed the fifty-one year record set by John Morse. Canada claims our next personalities. P. O. Tremblay of Montreal, No. 112, was made Chairman of the Board in 1901, served as Second Vice President from 1907 to 1909, and lived until 1934. R. W. McLachlan, No. 121, and later Honorary, was probably Canada's foremost numismatist. His early activities were confined to "Canadian Notes," a column in *The Numismatist*, but from 1911 to 1923, many of his papers on Canadian Numismatics appeared in our paper. He was elected Second Vice President in 1910 and First Vice President in 1913.

Who is this next swell-elegant gent? Why, none other than our good friend, Thomas H. Elder, No. 140, who departed from our midst May 11, 1948. The recent passing of Mr. Elder leaves a niche in the numismatic field hard to fill. Like the luminaries of the Stage and Screen, his particular spot may never be refilled. He had always been a dealer, and up until recent years conducted Auction Sales. He began contributing interesting articles to our publication soon after he became a member and continued these papers on down through the years, covering many topics. Miss Virginia Eaton, No. 153, holds the distinction of being our only lady officer, having served on the Board from 1901 to 1904. Dr. F. A. Hassler, No. 161, wrote articles on German coinage and filled quite a need in this field. Dr. Eugene Courteau, No. 174, and Life Member No. 15, of St. Jacques, Quebec, contributed papers on Canadian Tokens, particularly Bouquet Sous. No. 178 was Ben G. Green, a prominent dealer of Chicago. Mr. Green was an early Librarian and later served on the Board. He selected as a subject for one of his few articles, "The Lady Godiva Half-Penny."

Joseph C. Mitchelson, No. 190, possessed a near complete collection of coins and medals, which he willed in its entirety to the State of Connecticut, and where it since reposes in the Library Building in Hartford.

Now comes the man who probably, next to Dr. Heath, has done more and worked harder than any other to make the A.N.A. the success it is today. In fact, upon the passing of the Doctor, he took over *The Numismatist* and carried on for a year. He, too, has held almost every office of importance in the organization. He was its Seventh President

and prior to that, First Vice President. This man is none other than our present Historian and Honorary Member, Farran Zerbe, Regular No. 197. His activities as an organizer and booster for the Association reaches from coast to coast. The list of articles he has written covers an entire page of the "Fifty Year Index." These most informative and interesting papers first appeared in our publication in 1902 and have continued ever since. They cover a wide range of subjects, and to single out one would be doing an injustice to the others, but the "Bryan Money" article of the July, 1926, issue of *The Numismatist* is probably the best known and most sought after of all his works.

Robert Snider, No. 208, gave us several informative articles on "The Study of Medals," covering this field in Continental Europe as well as Ancient Greek and Roman. A. R. Frey originally was No. 225, but within a short while became No. 12 which he used until his death in 1926. Upon the creation of a Second Vice President in 1901, he became our first First Vice President. He was elected Sixth President in 1904 and in 1911 became Editor of *The Numismatist* for a year. Mr. Frey's first articles appeared in our magazine in 1902, also many ran serially and covered a multitude of subjects. His "Dictionary of Numismatic Names" has just recently been reprinted. Number 232 was Moses Marcuson who served on the board, 1901 to 1904 and was Second Vice President in 1922. He was noted for his faithful attendance at conventions. It was never settled whether Moses liked the conventions or the conventions liked Moses. Jeremiah Gibbs, No. 272, of Hamilton, Ontario, was first to fill the Second Vice President's chair, serving from 1901 to 1907. During this time he wrote many articles about the Pennys and Half Pennys of his native Canada. A. Judson Brenner, No. 236, of De Kalb, Ill., became our Ninth President in 1911 without having previously been in the official circle. He served on the Board from 1913 to 1916, the last two terms as Chairman. He, too, amassed a notable collection.

A. C. Gies, No. 287, of Pittsburgh and Chas. E. Briggs, No. 307, of Lisbon, Iowa, both enrolled in 1901, both had praiseworthy collections, and both passed away in 1944. Joseph Barnet, No. 304, hails from Brooklyn, the city known for its B & C Clubs — Ball and Coin — and A.N.A. Life Members. Joe dropped out once back in the twenties and by the time he got back in, he was No. 3224. He has contributed several interesting articles, mostly about Civil War Tokens and Cards which are his collecting specialty. Elmer S. Sears, No. 305, was a well-known Massachusetts dealer who lived until 1939. During his 36 years of membership, he missed but three conventions, and won many prizes for his displays. Next in line is P. N. Breton, No. 312, of Montreal. Mr. Breton, an authority on Canadian Coins and Tokens, authored two books attributing the many varieties with numbers running past a thousand. It is still considered the Standard work on the subject.

Just who is this next gentleman at the threshold of our sanctum? An important personage? Say, that's Frank Duffield, No. 324, Life Member 61! Elected to the Board in 1904, Secretary in 1908, First Vice President in 1911, Tenth President in 1913 for three terms, then Editor of *The Numismatist* from 1915 to 1942. And a writer, too! Articles covering every branch of Numismatics. Whatta man! But hold everything! This fellow is a modern. His achievements run to 1942. Right! But joined in 1901. He is the calibre of man who helped carry on the

work of the Association from its infancy into the next cycle, and with such men taking over, we have arrived at the dividing line between the early members and the host of others to follow.

It is hard to realize what important parts these pioneers of the A.N.A. played until a summary of their exploits is laid before us. Ten of our first twelve Presidents holding office to 1918 and nine Vice Presidents serving up to 1916 were members of the group from 1891 to 1901. Fifty-six wrote papers, articles and books on every branch of our science. Thirty-one or more were well-known and respected dealers. Several prominent Auction Sale Conductors such as Frossard, the Chapmans, Low, Thomas Elder and others are listed. Then last, but not least, are the more than five hundred ardent numismatists who joined together in this common cause to exchange ideas and rare coins, and to lay the foundation for an Association which it is hoped will live forever. Eleven or more of these members are still with us, but the great majority passed on, and we hope are enjoying the privileges of the Next World. It is with this thought that we present the following little fantasy in movie scenario form.

ROLL CALL

Our story opens in the Gold Room of the Hotel Paradise in the Celestial City of the Great Beyond where many of the Departed Members of the A.N.A. now reside. It is late afternoon. A full shot reveals a man presiding over a meeting now in progress. Seated beside him at the mother-of-pearl desk is the Secretary busily engaged in calling the roll. A closer view of the Chairman reveals him to be none other than our good friend Dr. George F. Heath, and the secretary, Charles T. Tatman, whose voice is heard calling out the names of the Members.

TATMAN

Number 8 Stutesman, 9 Brudin,
10 Morse, etc.

Each astral Member answers with a "Here!" and as the Secretary's voice drones on, we get a closer look at the others. To Dr. Heath's left are a row of Past-Presidents: Wm. Jerrems, A. G. Heaton, Joseph Hooper, A. R. Frey and others. To the right of Tatman are Past Secretaries: O. W. Page and George Rice. To the extreme right of this group is a sort of glassed-in balcony (as is customary in Broadcast Studios) where the Past Vice Presidents are sitting. Henri E. Buck, P. O. Tremblay and R. W. McLachlan are stand-out faces in the smoke-filled anti-room. Gathered in the foreground around the Chair are many minor officers, writers, dealers and just plain collectors. All are seated in heavily upholstered chairs with eider-down pillows, each with an eye for comfort while awaiting the inevitable Auction that is to follow. The roll call continues.

TATMAN

14 Frossard, 16 Taylor, 17 Sam
Chapman, 18 Henry Chapman —

There is a pause. No "here" is forthcoming. Down in front, Henry nervously fingers an 1804 Dollar. He cannot decide whether he should answer to 18 or 28. He holds out for 28 by force of habit from selling at auction. The roll call continues.

TATMAN

21 Morey, 22 Stevens, 23 Dr.
Wright, etc.

Dr. Heath flicks the ashes from his cigar into a golden replica of his printing press which serves as an ash tray. Tatman dips his diamond pointed pen into a platinum inkwell inlaid with the four Nova Constellatio pieces on each of its sides. As he checks the names on the Gold-leaf ledger, he blots the X with a thousand dollar bill, and continues.

TATMAN

26 Howorth, 27 Wales, 28 —
HENRY CHAPMAN
Here!

Brother Sam gives him a sly glance. Henry tilts his chin, thereby raising his beard (they both wear them up here). Sam resumes the inspection of an 1822 Half Eagle he recently picked up.

TATMAN

30 Heaton, 31 Baldwin, 32 Tuthill —

The "Heah" of the Englishman is followed by the booming voice of Senator Cla-Tuthill.

TUTHILL

I only ansawah to a knock, son! —
On a doah made of Georgah-pine!

The voice of the secretary continues with more names. Reverend Jeremiah Zimmerman in deep meditation as his is called, almost fails to answer. It was reported that he was seen the day before on the patio of the Bliss Hotel in conference with Petrarch. 'Twas rumored the two had found a decadrachm of greater rarity than the Demareteion. Lyman H. Low answers quickly and resumes the study of a new Hard Time Token he had failed to classify. As the proceedings continue, a new arrival appears at the entry. He looks furtively about for someone he might know, then slyly takes a seat far in the rear. But the eagle-eyed Doctor sees the stranger and rising, says . . .

HEATH

Sixty-five? Carl? Carl Wurtzbach?
WURTZBACH (meekly)
"Here" . . .

All necks crane in the direction of the voice. Next, there is a general stampede in the direction of the newcomer. All are trying to grasp his hand and greet him at once. Pandemonium reigns!

AD LIB VOICES

Hi, Carl! Glad to see you! Howdy!
How's Colonial Carl? Etc., etc., etc.

Carl is overwhelmed by this outburst of cordiality. He loosens up somewhat and scenting an Auction, comes out with . . .

WURTZBACH

Halo, fellers! What's cookin'?

Scholarly Dr. Wright strokes his long beard and turns to Sam Chapman who is dividing his and looking full-eyed at P. N. Breton who twists his little mustache and looks appealingly at Dr. Heath.

HEATH (coughs and sputters)
Ahem! Uhm-m. If you mean the feast tonight — the entree is Golden Pheasant stuffed with wild rice, and — (winking at Geo. C. Arnold) — the customary liquids.

Carl has to explain that his retort was a colloquialism slightly outdated.

VOICE FROM REAR

What new coin is that, with an overdate?

Everyone wishes to ask him questions. Heath is particularly interested in his "baby," *The Numismatist*. Carl tells him.

WURTZBACH

About ninety-five hundred go out each month, Doctor.

Heath emits a low whistle. He becomes quite serious.

HEATH

But tell me, do they still publish the reports of those club meetings?

WURTZBACH

But in smaller type, Doc —
In smaller type!

HENRY CHAPMAN

What about Auction Sales?

WURTZBACH

Mehl held a nice one recently.

BOTH CHAPMANS (in unison)
An 1804 Dollar?

WURTZBACH

Naw! There was a 1913 Liberty Head Nickel!

This starts anew the beard stroking episode and stares of amazement.

CHAS. STEIGERWALT

What coins are bringing the prices?

WURTZBACH

The 1921 Dime, Quarter and Half are each bringing from \$50 to \$60. Uncirculated.

BOTH CHAPMANS

And we passed them out as change!
(They faint — in unison)

WURTZBACH

(with informative air)

The 1932 D & S Quarters and the 1909S VDB Cent are doing all right also.

GEORGE RODE

Egad! Has some Federal Agency taken over and initialed all the coins?

HOWARD NEWCOMB

The VDB is for Victor D. Brenner.

VOICE

Did someone call me?

Victor D. to this point has been somewhat apart from the others, dreaming up a design for a medal commemorating the billionth anniversary of the founding of the Celestial City.

NEWCOMB

Luckily I didn't mention a Jack-ass bill. Half the assembly would have answered.

WURTZBACH

Speaking of coins with letters, a

Proof 1864 Cent with an L is now bringing a hundred dollars.

ED FROSSARD

The L you say! . . . And I tossed them in with lots and packets.

Carl looks searchingly for another familiar person and asks

WURTZBACH

Where is Ben Green?

DAVID HARLOWE

Ben heard that Lady Godiva was ridin' again today and this time he was going to be there.

Wurtzbach scans the sea of faces before him.

WURTZBACH

There are a few faces missing.

Heath gives him an, "Oh, you mean those" look, draws him aside to a large cabinet and turns a switch. The Ethereal waves begin to sing and in an instant billows of smoke appear on the silver screen above the instrument. The smoke clears away and there standing at the Gates of Hades are a small group of poorly clad men. As newcomers arrive, they toss handfuls of golden looking objects into the hot sands. The beggars greedily grab for the coins, but alas! . . . Fools-gold!

HEATH

They are the expelled and dead-beats!

WURTZBACH

And the others?

HEATH

Oh! You mean the Grade-hikers!

He twirls the dial. As the screen clears, we see quite a number of former members seated at long tables piled high with small coins. They have no magnifiers and are diligently trying to grade the coins and hand them to overseers who look them over with powerful glasses, then toss them back onto the huge piles.

HEATH

Sometimes they grade one right.

At this instant, a big commotion is heard off-stage. It proves to be the voice of S. C. Stevens, Sergeant-at-arms, getting louder as he approaches.

STEVENS

I've found him! I've found him!

He enters through a side door, pulling a wizened man who is desperately clinging to a heavy suede bag. The crowd gathers around him.

AD LIB VOICES

Found who? How'd he get in? Who is he?

STEVENS

They say you can't take it with you, but here he is and he's brought 'em with him!

AD LIB

What? Who? What's he got? Who is he?

STEVENS

Egbert Titus! . . . The bird responsible for all the short issues at the mints! And here's why they were short. *He* has the coins—HUNDREDS of 'em!

By this time they have reached the mother-of-pearl desk of the officers. Someone relieves Egbert of his heavy bag and dumps most of its contents out over Tatman's ledger. Continental Silver Dollars, 1823 Quarters, Stellas, Fifty Dollar Gold pieces — the names of Disbrow, Voetter, Moritz, Brand and others are submerged in a bath of Gem-Proof rarities. An 1802 uncirculated Half Dime falls off and rolls away. Jake Weigle watches it disappear under a heavy chair, then with a shrug as if to say, "Let the janitor have it," dives in with the others. Titus pulls free from the crowd.

TITUS

Take 'em, fellows! They were too heavy to lug around any more!

The Members flock around the treasure trove like a football huddle.

The Two Chapmans revive from their faint just in time to see a Brasher Doubloon fall from the table and roll past them. An argument starts as to who saw it first. Wurtzbach tries to get near the horde to look for a unique Colonial. He glances backward to catch Dr. Heath peering over his shoulder.

WURTZBACH

May I help you, Doc?

HEATH

Yes. Scratch around the bottom of that bag, son, and see if you can find a few early volumes of that magazine I started. They're getting more rare than the coins.

THE END

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A.N.A. 57th ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION, BOSTON, AUGUST 21-25, 1948

Good morning! May we visit with you for the last time before meeting in person at the Convention. We've had several pleasant chats these past months and soon we shall travel together for the grand climax — a real NUMISMATIC gathering, designed for you to meet with leaders and laymen in the numismatic business, social and collector world. Once each year we enjoy this privilege under the supervision of A.N.A. and the assistance of host societies. We, or Boston, backed by our municipality, own citizenry, especially the local collectors, AND all A.N.A. members in New England, bid you welcome.

The geographical situation offers an ideal vacation and convention locale. Our headquarters, the Copley Plaza Hotel convention halls, are all on the ground floor, easy of access, large and airy. Nothing comparable, has been available heretofore. We are in the up-town district, yet only a short walk to points of interest. Boston abounds in historical and numismatic shrines, as we have outlined in previous messages in this magazine.

By the time you read these lines, you should have received your copy of the Convention Souvenir Booklet. Please bring it and this issue of *The Numismatist* with you to Boston. Make early returns on your auction sale bid sheet.

Judging from the many inquiries and other evidence, everybody, at least all numismatists and their families, are heading for Boston. Arriving by all means and all ways — railways, highways, skyways, overland and overseas, the Numismatic Universe is converging on Boston, the site of Early-American Numismacia (coining a new name?). Are you planning to join this vast parade! A special reward to the person traveling the longest distance.

If you will stay with us for a few more paragraphs, let us review some pertinent advice and suggestions. All main highways and skyways in northeastern United States lead to Boston. Highway No. 1, north and south; No. 3 from the northwest; No. 9 from the west. To the east is the Atlantic Ocean, route by sea or air for our European guests. The Boston International Airport, in which we take great pride, is a comfortable taxi- or bus-ride trip to our headquarters. Within a few steps from the Copley Plaza are the uptown stations of two railroads, Back Bay Station on the New York, New Haven & Hartford; Huntington Avenue Station on the Boston & Albany-New York Central. Rail traffic from the north and northeast will enter via the Boston & Maine, requiring change to a taxi, or subway, to Copley Square Station. A final admonition to autoists: please respect the speed laws, they are rather strict in some cities and towns.

As a special inducement for a peak attendance at the Boston Convention, we have ignored expenses to reduce the cost of registration fee to \$10 for adults, \$7.50 for children not over twelve years of age, for the period of THE BEST CONVENTION EVER. Please don't embarrass us to reveal all details of our program. We must withhold some of the top-draw secrets and surprise features. Here are some of the highlights on the program. Now, don't go away. Please read on.

The registration desks will be open from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Saturday, Sunday and Monday in the hotel lobby, adjacent to the Exhibition room and opposite the Sheraton Room, air-conditioned quarters for all group meetings. You are requested to register at two desks: "A" for the Convention badge and souvenir gifts, "B" for official A.N.A. record, an important duty overlooked by many guests at former conventions. Extra badges, banquet tickets, etc., may be obtained at desk "B."

In the Ballroom will be four hundred linear feet of exhibition cases, all for the free use of A.N.A. members. A Five Hundred Thousand Dollar Show will open to the public, with free admission, at 12:00 noon, on Saturday, continuous to 12:00 noon on Wednesday, with police protection day and night. Exhibition material must be removed before 4:00 P.M. for the arrangement of tables at the closing banquet. Full capacity Bourse Department, presided over by the world's leading coin dealers, occupies the Ballroom Foyer. Between these two rooms is the Lounge, Boston Numismatic Society headquarters. A short stairway to an upper balcony overlooking the Ballroom, allowing for several separate simultaneous conferences, small meetings, etc. An official bulletin board will be placed in the Lounge. Mimeographed, last day prepared, copies of detailed order of official business will be distributed in the lobby.

On Saturday night, at 8:00 P.M., the popular radio lecturer and deep-sea diving explorer, Edward Rowe Snow, is to show motion pictures of his actual experiences (no faked movie stuff), "Romances of the Sea," "Pirate Gold," etc. Mr. Snow has promised to exhibit an old sea-chest and contents salvaged from a sunken pirate ship which he located off Cape Cod. Similar recent experiences at Bermuda, in pictures, will be ready by August. This program will hold you spellbound. A well-worth evening's entertainment with plenty of thrills, with direct numismatic significance.

Sunday morning for church services. Most denominations will be found close by. See the directory in hotel lobby. The afternoon is open for your pleasure, exploring Boston on your own, or a sail down the Bay to Provincetown or Plymouth, or a trip to the North Shore, the South Shore or up country and many other points mentioned in our several handy booklets. We have a generous supply of literature, maps, etc., for your convenience. Every possible aid is contributed by cooperating organizations. At 8:00 P.M., a new feature entitled "A NUMISMATIC HOUR," divided into two parts: The first part of the program will consist of a talk by J. N. Spiro of Maplewood, New Jersey, on Colonial Paper Currency. Mr. Spiro has one of the finest collections of Colonial notes ever assembled, and will illustrate his talk with slides showing some of his rarities and most interesting items. The second half of the program will be the showing of some of the A.N.A. slides which have been made of the interesting historical coins of the world. These slides have been made by the Association for use in talks to schools and for other educational purposes.

Monday is to be a busy day. Official business in the morning. Reception at 10:30 A.M. to and by the Ladies. Mrs. Shepard Pond and her bevy of assistants will provide special welcome to the visiting ladies. At 12:00 noon please be prepared for the official convention photograph to be taken on the Public Library front platform and steps. At 2:00 P.M. from in front of the Copley Plaza, new luxurious sight-seeing buses, operated by experienced lecturer-drivers, will take you to Cambridge, Lexington and Concord for an historical tour, one of the leading "must-do's" by every visitor to New England. A four-hour trip returning by a second route. At 8:00 P.M., the first session of the Auction Sale, reported as a headliner for quality and diversification. Guests not attending the Auction Sale, may spend the evening at the Metropolitan Theatre, a motion picture house.

Tuesday 8:00 A.M., A.N.A. District Secretaries will join in an annual "breakfast." At 10:00, the second business session. The Boston Edison Company, at 39 Boylston Street, will be host to the Ladies. The second session of Auction Sale at 2:00 P.M. Called for 8:00 P.M. is the Numismatic Forum for the novice, the professional and the expert, an educational feature not to be missed.

The topic for this Forum will be "Magna Graeca Circa One to Circa Seven Period of Classical Numismatics," and M. Vernon Sheldon will act as moderator. The panel will include the following well known collectors and authorities in this field:

Dr. Arthur S. Dewing of Boston, member of B.N.S., and president of the American Numismatic Society.

Prof. Eunice Work of Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts.

George J. Bauer of Rochester, New York.

Doran A. Jones of Plymouth, New Hampshire.

Gilbert Askew, head of the classical department of B. A. Seaby, Ltd., London, England.

Wednesday morning, third and final business session. At 6:30 P.M. Finale-Banquet. Climactic close of the convention.

We lack the space for detailed reminders on the many numismatic exhibits throughout the city and in neighboring places. We had previously recorded the Boston Public Library, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston Medical Library (four thousand pieces relating to Medicine and the Allied Sciences), Massachusetts Historical Society (now rearranging its treasures especially for our convention guests), Masonic items at the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, etc. etc. We might have omitted or overlooked some equally enjoyable or important features. Bubbling over so with enthusiasm, we feel that you too should know of all points of interest.

If you are still reading with us to this point, please have patience. A special set of tickets will be issued to all registrants, for the bus tour, theatre and banquet. Please don't lose them. Reservations for full table seating at the banquet may be made at the B.N.S. desk.

Every message, all conventions, and life itself must come to a close, eventually. Before we sign off for this final message, may we interject a personal note. Shortly, our two-year campaign and planning will have culminated in the ambition of our life, indeed, we express the same sentiment for the entire Boston Numismatic Society, now in its 88th year. The writer has lived a third generation, the B.N.S. is in its fourth generation. We are deeply touched by showers of generous compliments on our preparations, made possible through the cooperation of local members, and most especially by the advice and support of the A.N.A. convention committee. May we merit the same regard throughout the convention.

Until we meet in August, we are humbly

Yours truly,
HENRY SCHUHMACHER,
General Chairman,
11 So. Fairview St.,
Roslindale, Mass.

A Rich Numismatic Cargo

In 1855 a ship of 365 tons sailing from Turk's Island to Philadelphia, carried as cargo an interesting numismatic consignment. The report and manifest issued lists the following items:

6164 dollars
1895 dollars
270 Mexican dollars
146 5 franc pieces
126 half dollars
1 Spanish doubloon

139 5 franc pieces
14 eagles
4 double eagles or \$20 gold pieces
7 Mexican and Spanish half dollars
100 Spanish quarters
5 bales goatskins

It is interesting to speculate whether any of these dollars shipped in 1855 were dated 1851 or 1852.

DAVID M. BULLOWA,
Philadelphia, Pa.

GORGONS I HAVE MET

By EARLE K. STANTON, Los Angeles, California

Anyone who collects ancient coins will sooner or later find himself dabbling in the field of mythology. As coin types, both obverse and reverse, nothing is more common than the representations of gods and goddesses and the wholly impossible monsters which seemed to populate the ancient world. It is not difficult to familiarize oneself with these intriguing creations. A good numismatic library should contain Bullfinch's *"Age of Fables,"* Chas. Gayley's *"Classical Myths,"* or some similar work; reference may also be had to the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, *Americana*, and countless other works. In the strictly numismatic field there is an interesting booklet by Francesco Gnechi, entitled *The Fauna and Flora on the Coin Types of Ancient Rome*, enumerating 76 different animals, real and unreal, represented on these coins.

Among the preposterous mythological monstrosities, there is none more astonishing than the Gorgon. Even that great hunter, Theodore Roosevelt, never bagged one. Indeed the only hunter who ever did accomplish this feat was the renowned Perseus, who with the help of Minerva, was able to slay Medusa, the only vulnerable member of the Gorgon family. So, today, in the Piazza de Signoria in Florence, Italy, one may see the famous bronze statue by Cellini, known as "Perseus with the Head of Medusa." One of the most annoying characteristics of the Gorgon family was that if you so much as cast one glance at them, you instantly turned to stone. Consequently, Perseus had to commit this justifiable murder while looking at Medusa's reflection in a mirror or in his mirror-like shield. And it is to be noted that Perseus couldn't wait to do a clean cut surgical job of decapitation, but finally wrenched off the partly severed head, leaving muscles, blood vessels and what not, protruding from the grisly neck. Having secured the coveted head, Perseus presented it to Minerva who thereafter wore it on her aegis or breastplate, where it is sometimes numismatically depicted.

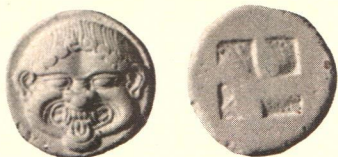
Medusa, best known of the Gorgon family, had two sisters, namely, Stheno and Euryale, who were equally vicious and had the added advantage of being immortal. For all I know, they are still in existence; perhaps functioning as an integral part of some bureaucratic division of our government.

The three Gorgons were the children of the sea god Phorcys and Ceto, among whose other offspring were the Sirens, Scylla, the frightful monster who guards the Straits of Messina, and old Atlas who carries the world on his shoulders. Their home is reputed to have been in Libya. It is interesting to note that the word Gorgon means "terrible," and according to the dictionary any terrible looking woman is properly termed a Gorgon. Likewise, what some people regard as a terrible cheese, is called Gorgonzola.

From Jean B. Cammann's booklet *Numismatic Mythology* I learn that the Bibliotheque Nationale amusingly groups the mythological creations as "natural monsters, half human monsters and pure monsters." The Gorgons may, I think, be aptly termed "pure monsters." Hesiod and other ancient writers describe them as being "round faced, flat nosed, with tongues lolling out," and the coin pictures bear out this description. Homer says that they were "frightful phantoms of Hades." Their hair

was entwined with serpents, their hands were of brass, and their brazen teeth were as long as the tusks of the wild boar. Hesiod affirms that their residence was "beyond the ocean, towards the west," — perhaps he meant in Hollywood.

Considerable diversity is found in the coin portraits of Gorgons. The facing head of the monster occupies the entire obverse space of the coin in many Greek issues; sometimes the face wears a somewhat amusing, quizzical or tolerant expression, but on the whole these representations are rather true to pattern, and may rightfully be called terrible. The Gorgon pictured on a stater of Neapolis in Macedonia (B.C. 500-411) is characteristic, and pictures a monster which may well have been used to frighten naughty little Greek children. Etruria in Italy, on a silver coin struck about B.C. 440-400 shows an equally obnoxious creature with streaming hair. On this rare and interesting piece the reverse is plain without design, which according to Barclay Head, the great authority, is a "local deviation from the usual rule." Other Gorgons form the obverse designs of coins from Miletus, Parium and other places in the Greek world.



Neapolis, Macedonia. Silver stater, B.C. 480
Facing head of Gorgon. Reverse: Quadriparte incuse.



Camarina, Sicily, Bronze, B.C. 415-405
Gorgon head facing. Reverse: Head of Herakles.

Although these obnoxious creatures seem to have been less popular in ancient Rome, nevertheless they do appear on a few coins. A denarius of Julius Caesar's time, of the gens Plautia, about B.C. 47, shows what is described as a "Mask of Gorgon," — not the real thing but a mere theatrical prop. The reverse of this coin portrays Aurora driving the sun chariot. According to the British Museum catalogue the Gorgon mask refers to an event which happened in B.C. 312 when one consul quarreled with tibicines or fluteplayers and actors who then retired to Tibur, near Rome. Plautius, the other consul and ancestor of the mon-

eyer who struck this coin, then caused the fluteplayers to be placed in wagons and by night brought them back to Rome, their faces covered with scenic masks. In this connection it is interesting to note that the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* explains that Medusa, the Gorgon, was originally nothing more frightful than a ritual mask, and perhaps represented the "staring or pursuing faces seen in nightmares."

In the church of S. Maria in Cosmedin, in Rome, a few years ago, the writer enjoyed the experience of standing face to face with a Gorgon-like head, five or more feet in diameter. If not a Gorgon, this was at least a close relative. Evidently another Gorgon had previously looked this one in the face for she or it was of stone, and the face had been broken and mended. This is known as the Bocca della Verita, or mouth of truth. According to tradition, the ancient Romans, in taking an oath, had to place their hands in the mouth of this stone mask; if they foreswore themselves the hands could not be removed, or according to another version, were bitten off. This legend was personally tested out, but with negative results. The face is supposed to have been part of a fountain, or perhaps, in one of the public baths, steam issued from the Bocca.

There are, of course, many other monsters depicted on Greek and Roman coins. We find, for example, fanciful adaptations of the horse, such as Pegasus, the winged horse and well known symbol of Corinth. Incidentally, it may be noted that Pegasus was the offspring of Medusa and Poseidon, born at the time Perseus struck off Medusa's head. On coins of Tyre and elsewhere, is found the sea horse or Hippocampus on which Melkart, the Tyrian god, is riding. Centaurs, winged boars, winged sphinxes, the phoenix (which cremates itself and then arises from the ashes) and man headed bulls, are but a few of the strange creations found on ancient coins.

Another relative of the Gorgon family is Scylla, that mythological monster which dwelt in a cave adjoining the Straits of Messina which separates the toe of Italy and Sicily. Scylla is represented on a denarius struck by the great sea rover, Sextus Pompey about B.C. 38. Again indebted to Homer, we learn that Scylla had 12 feet, six long necks with barking dog heads, each containing three rows of sharp teeth. She worked in cooperation with Charybdis who sat on the other side of the strait. If one of these monsters didn't get you as you sailed through the strait, it was more than likely that the other would. You may remember that Ulysses had a most disagreeable experience in this locality. And to this day, when one finds himself in some sort of destructive dilemma, he is said to be between Scylla and Charybdis, or in other words between the devil and the deep sea. The myth in this case, undoubtedly arose from the treacherous currents and rocks which have wrecked many ancient and some modern ships. On the denarius of Sextus Pompey, Scylla, of course, represents the sea power wielded by this piratical son of Pompey the Great.

As Will Cuppy has said about the wart hog, the Gorgon teaches us a great lesson, — "*Don't be a Gorgon.*"

And, as a final warning, I advise you to have nothing whatsoever to do with Gorgons other than those to be found on ancient coins.

REPORT OF JUDGING COMMITTEE 1948 NATIONAL COIN WEEK

National Coin Week this year was an outstanding success from every standpoint. Thirty-eight clubs entered formal reports in the national competition. Reports of individual participants reaching the committee totaled five hundred twenty. In addition to these, from coast to coast, other hundreds of the A.N.A. worked anonymously to swell the celebration of our annual week.

The Judging Committee's work was somewhat simplified by its previously published scale of efficiency rating but this was more than offset by the high excellence of general efficiency reflected in such a large percentage of the reports submitted.

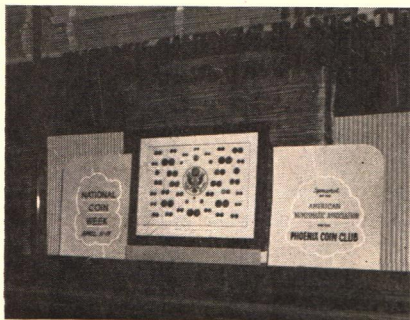
Having announced April 30th as the deadline for the mailing of reports, the committee met early on May 8th and by night had graded all the reports. Mr. Charles Wormser, general chairman of National Coin Week, was immediately notified of the relative standings of the leading ten club and individual contestants.

Later lists of participants were compiled from the reports and forwarded to the General Secretary for official recognition. Several excellent reports, belatedly mailed and not received until after May 8th could not receive consideration in the contest ratings. However those taking part were included in the lists of participants.

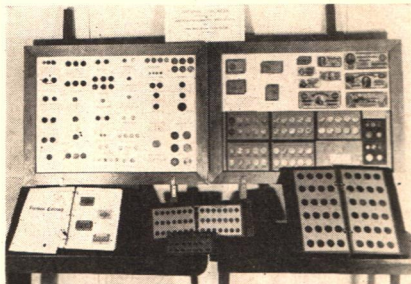
We close this report by congratulating the American Numismatic Association upon the enthusiasm and energy displayed by its membership in making 1948 such an outstanding year.

Respectfully submitted
MARTIN F. KORTJOHN
HARRY C. MATTHEWS
DAMON G. DOUGLAS, Chairman

The following photographs have been selected by the Awards Committee as being representative of the various public numismatic displays put on during National Coin Week. A complete list of the winners was given in the July issue of *The Numismatist*.



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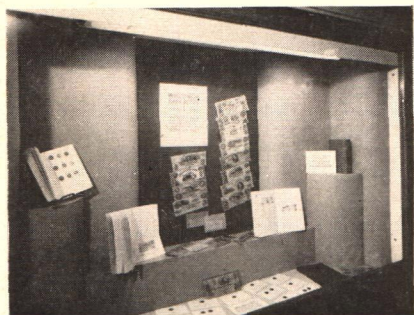
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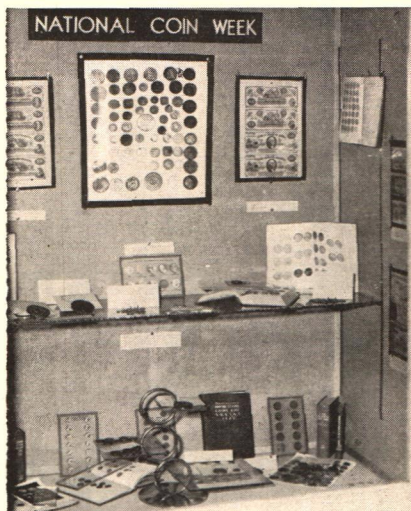
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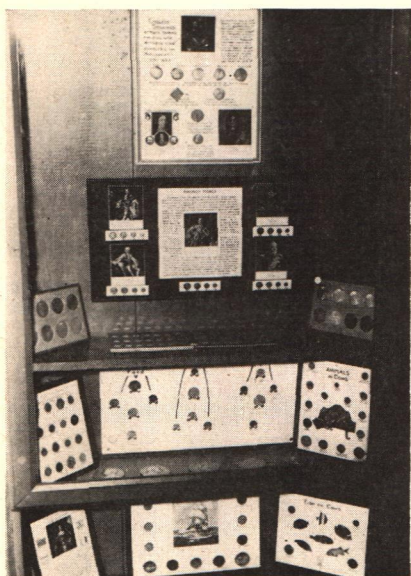
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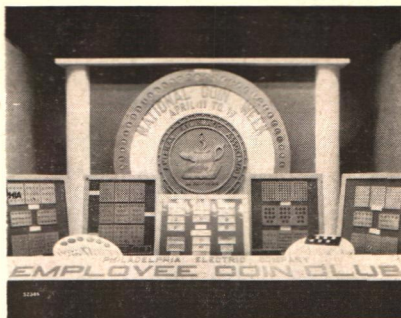
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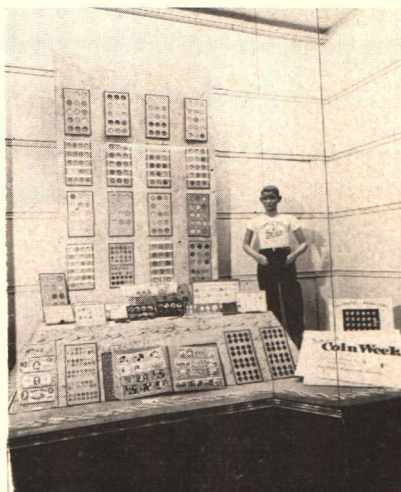
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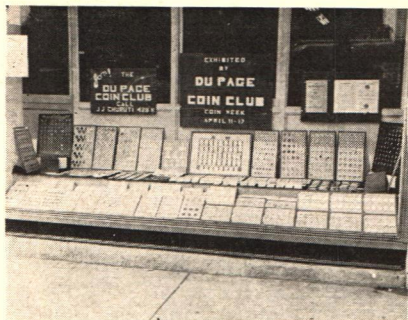
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Grant's Hobby Shop



San Diego Numismatic Society



Du Page Coin Club



Rocky Mountain Numismatic Society



THE METROPOLITAN JUNIOR COIN CLUB

Vernon L. Brown, center, is shown giving an informal talk on coin collecting before the members of the Metropolitan Junior Coin Club of New York City.

Organized a year and a half ago, the club now has seventeen members and meets once each month. Miss Beulah Crofoot, assistant to Mr. Brown, did most of the organization work, and of late Charles M. Wormser has been lending special numismatic guidance to the club.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



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Coin Club Visitations

One of the most enjoyable experiences of this job is that of visiting the various Coin Clubs throughout the country.

Our first visit along this line was to the first annual meeting of the California State Numismatic Association, which was held in Bakersfield, California, in October of 1947. There were 124 members in attendance. A fine program had been prepared and it was enthusiastically received. California, in numismatics, among other things, is making great strides. People are very friendly and are much interested in A.N.A. affairs and are eager to learn how they can promote our great hobby. Lew Reagan also attended this Convention.

Our next trip was to Denver, Colorado, where we met with the Rocky Mountain Numismatic Society. This is a very enthusiastic group of numismatists, and our District Secretary, Dr. Philip W. Whiteley, along with Dan Brown and other fine men and women, have done a grand job.

We next visited the Brooklyn Coin Club in New York. This meeting happened to be the inauguration of that fine chap, Charlie Ryan, as their President. I visited many Clubs but Brooklyn is one of the outstanding when it comes to a program. Every club member, and visitor for that matter, brings along a display and at the proper time is called on to tell the story of the material he has presented for display. The Philadelphia Club also follows the same procedure.

Our next visit was at Philadelphia. This was a joint meeting of the Philadelphia Coin Club and the Philadel-

phia Electric Coin Company Club. There were about 110 ladies and gentlemen present. The displays were fine and everyone was so friendly and seemed to appreciate the fact that we took time out to make them a visit. At this meeting I was presented with a silver medal, of which only 12 have been struck. This is another fine example of the work of Julius Windner. The medal is the Benjamin Franklin and celebrated the 50th anniversary of the A.N.A.

From Philadelphia we went to Washington, D. C., where another fine group of numismatists under the presidency of Captain O. H. Dodson holds forth. This was another great meeting. The boys there are on their toes and are interested at all times in how they can promote our great hobby.

Our next trip was to Omaha, Nebraska, along with Lew Reagan, for their annual meeting. This gathering was held in Dr. Judd's home which in itself was worth the trip. Omaha has a fine Club and their monthly meetings are held in the Joslyn Memorial. Arrangements are made for a unique display of coins. Each case portrays the type of architecture, dress, cooking utensils, painting, and the currency used in that particular period, all with appropriate explanations. Dr. Judd and the fine collectors in Omaha are really promoting our hobby.

The Chicago Coin Club was next on the agenda and, of course, that Club is an old and firmly established institution. They also follow the practice of the Brooklyn and Philadelphia Clubs in the matter of displays. In addition to a principal speaker each member is expected to bring a display and give a talk upon his favorite of the evening.

In St. Louis, Lew Reagan and I attended the joint meeting of the Kansas City and St. Louis Clubs. This was a real fine informal get-together, friendly and enthusiastic. One thing I note on these trips is that everyone is interested in the juniors, and at St. Louis there were five juniors in attendance from Kansas City. They are doing fine work.

One day we dropped in and attended a meeting at Baltimore, Maryland. The Baltimore Club was very gracious and friendly, their officers are progressive, and are interested in the A.N.A. and its problems, and

want to help in any way they can. We met former President F. G. Duffield. He's as lively as ever, still very much interested in our hobby.

From Baltimore we flew to Dayton, Ohio, and got there just in time for the annual meeting of the Central States Numismatic Society. There were about 150 in attendance at this meeting. There was a great auction, fine displays, and a grand program. We do not know how or when Jim Kelly found time to sleep, but when it comes to doing a job he's the lad that gets things done, and the Dayton meeting was "tops." Almost the entire A.N.A. Board was at Dayton.

In May we attended two meetings — the Racine Coin Club at Racine, Wisconsin, and a meeting of the Pacific Coin Club — Seattle and Portland — in Centralia, Washington.

At Racine, Wisconsin, Dick Yeoman and his Committee put on one of the grandest meetings that it has ever been our privilege to attend. There were 110 enthusiastic men and women, and all were so thankful and appreciated the fact that A.N.A. officers were in attendance, all of which is of great benefit to the A.N.A. Lew and I had a great time and much good accomplished for A.N.A.

In Centralia, Washington, the displays were the best that I have ever seen, and this takes in some annual conventions of the A.N.A. They were diversified and attractively presented. You know that old saying, "Something for everyone!" Well, in Centralia there was on display just about every kind of numismatic material. Every coin or piece of paper money had a full printed explanation. The folks in the Northwest are very friendly and much interested in numismatics, and now feel as though they are a part of our national organization. At Centralia we were presented with a very famous Kyan Totem Pole.

Our next and last trip for the year was to Dallas, Texas. This journey was doubly interesting because it was the first time I had ever been privileged to set foot on Texas soil. It is a great state and Dallas is a fine progressive city.

The Dallas Coin Club is made up of fine serious collectors. Our good friend, W. A. Philpott, was on hand and entertained us in a most gracious and liberal manner.

The trip to Fort Worth was very interesting, and while there I visited Max Mehl. He had just returned from South America where he was a

delegate to the Rotary Convention.

In our talk to the Dallas Coin Club it was stated that the hobby of numismatics is very beneficial. It keeps one from growing old and, besides, keeps your mind off your troubles. After the meeting it was called to our attention that the collectors of paper money live the longest, using George Blake and D. C. Wismer as examples.

We have found that these trips are very much worthwhile. My only regret is that a visitation could not be made to every coin club. The reception was warm in every instance, and whenever you are traveling around the country make it a point to stop in at one of the local clubs. They really put themselves out when a strange collector shows up. Coin collectors are friendly and kind to each other. There is much enthusiasm in our ranks; our Association is growing at the rate of better than 200 a month.

At each place visited we addressed the meeting at which time we pointed out ways and means that local clubs could further the objective of numismatics, such as having a project of writing the state numismatic history, formation of Junior Coin Clubs, continuous displays in the bank, stores and library, articles in the newspapers, displays and a special paper prepared for each monthly meeting, formation of a club library, and an individual library, and a speakers bureau. We pointed out some of the aims and objectives of the National Association — a Numismatic Bureau in Washington, D. C.; a Numismatic Textbook; *The Numismatist* reaching the membership on time; the formation of Coin Clubs in every principal city in the United States; weekly articles about numismatics appearing in some paper in each county in the United States every week. Some of these things we have accomplished and we are after the rest of them. All can help. It's a great hobby and belonging to the A.N.A. is a fine privilege.

We also pointed out the obligations the officers have to the membership, and that any A.N.A. officer, or proposed officer, must and should take a realistic view of his obligations to the Association. We feel that the Club visitations made by Secretary Lew Reagan and the President have been of great benefit to the American Numismatic Association, and as a result of these trips we are all cemented more closely together.

FROM THE DESK of the GENERAL SECRETARY



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This is a further reminder to those attending the convention to make hotel reservations immediately if you have not already done so, bring your confirmation with you and notify the hotel if you find you must arrive earlier or later than the time indicated on the confirmation. Also, please bring your copy of the Convention Journal. There may not be enough extra copies to supply duplicates to all those in attendance.

Do not fail to register with both the local committee and the General Secretary. Visitors are welcome and may participate in all of the activities of the convention except voting at the business sessions. Remember that the first business session of the convention will be held on Saturday afternoon, August 21. Be sure to attend it.

To District Secretaries

It is especially important that you attend the convention if possible. When registering with the General Secretary you will be given a special ribbon badge. You will want to meet as many of the members from your District as possible and you will have an opportunity of meeting the other officers and District Secretaries and of discussing any problems that may have developed in your District. You will learn how to help organize additional local clubs and to stimulate those already organized. Be sure to attend the District Secretary Breakfast on Tuesday morning at 8 a.m. The breakfast will be with the compliments of the Association and an important meet-

ing will follow. Please send your annual report to the Second Vice President before the convention and as soon as convenient.

Election

The election of officers is one of the privileges of your membership and it is also a duty. You should have received an official ballot on or before July 15. If you failed to receive it, please write to the General Secretary. A duplicate will be sent. Ballots should be mailed to the office of the General Secretary promptly but may be delivered at the convention if you prefer. No blank ballots will be available at the convention. Proxy forms should also be mailed in advance of the convention. They will be accepted at the convention only if delivered prior to the first meeting of the Proxy Committee.

Beware of Beggars

This is the heading of a paragraph that is appearing frequently in other hobby publications and a few words on the subject may not be out of place here. This country is being flooded with begging letters of all kinds, mostly from Europe, and in spite of the generosity of the Government and of organized and regulated charity, such letters are still received in large numbers, directed to any organization or individual whose address can be obtained. There is no doubt that many appeals come from those genuinely in need of assistance but it also appears that many of them are unworthy of attention. We certainly can't help them all and some care should be taken in acting on any such appeals. Some members have written to this office for suggestions on what should be done when unsolicited merchandise is sent with the request that it be sold and the proceeds sent to the sender. Secretaries of Local Coin Clubs, in particular, have reported numerous instances of this. If the material sent is valuable and in demand and can be sold without difficulty there would be no harm in following the plan requested. However, if it is of little value, it should be returned to the sender if postage is furnished or held until return postage is sent. Every effort should be made to prevent such appeals from becoming a racket.

GENERAL SECRETARY TAKES A TRIP

The last two weeks of June were spent by the General Secretary in a trip to the Pacific Coast which included a stop in Phoenix, Arizona for a brief visit with Past-President V. Leon Belt, a week in Los Angeles as the guest of Jack Ogilvie and A. Kosoff and visits to the San Diego Coin Club and the Orange County Coin Club.

A non-stop airline flight from Los Angeles to Seattle provided a quick observation of the famous Northwest country. In Seattle Lew was entertained by Mrs. D. Dee DeNise, Secretary of the Seattle Coin Club, Paul Fouts and Christian M. Petersen, District Secretaries for Washington and by other leading members. A most enjoyable time was reported and the visit included an address at the meeting of the Seattle Coin Club.

With stops at the Petersen farm in Chehalis and a visit to Mt. Rainier National Park, the trip proceeded to Portland, Oregon and a meeting of the Oregon Numismatic Society. Entertainment and hospitality provided by Lloyd Ruff, District Secretary for Oregon, Stephen Bibler and John R. Slusher. Lew reports that any attempt to describe the beautiful scenery of the Northwest or the gracious hospitality of its residents would be understatements of fact. It was a most delightful trip. The return trip was by train through Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado with a brief stop in Denver.



General Secretary Reagan visits the set of "Bungalow Thirteen" while in Hollywood and is photographed with the bigwigs of this clever mystery thriller soon to be released. Reading from left to right: Sam Baerwitz, Producer; Reagan; Margaret Hamilton and Tom Conway. The picture stars Mr. Conway and Miss Hamilton

LAST MINUTE REMINDERS

For A.N.A. Convention Goers:

The best time to arrive is Friday evening or Saturday morning so that you will have time to get rested before activities begin.

Before leaving home, check carefully to see if you have the confirmation of your hotel reservation; the coins you plan to exhibit and a duplicate list of them for insurance purposes; your ballot and proxy; your bank roll; a handful of blank checks and your fountain pen.

Leave your formal clothes at home but bring a light suit, an extra pair of walking shoes, and a bunch of shirts. The cautious will bring along a light top coat.

AN IMPERIAL ARTIST

By FREDERICK S. KNOBLOCH, New York City

Not content with displaying his talents in poetry and music before a select audience, Nero, above all things aspired to enter the list of professional competitors and become a public performer.

His first appearance was in the theatre at Naples. He entered the city in a chariot drawn by white horses, through a breach in the wall in the manner of a victorious conquerer. The honors of the day were conferred on the *Imperial Artist* by judges whose loyalty somewhat overshadowed their discrimination.

The straight-laced aristocracy of Rome looked aghast at such an outrage to their time honored prejudices while the Greeks, on the other hand, saw nothing degrading in publicly appearing among actors or musicians on the stage. It was Nero's dearest ambition to visit the land of poetry and music believing his artistic talents would receive their due recognition from the cultured Greeks.



He left Rome with Messalina and other court favorites and for more than a year satiated his lust for applause in the roles of poet, singer and musician. As such he appeared on the stage entering the lists against the champions of Greece. In each event his carrying off the crown of honor was a foregone conclusion. A humorous incident occurred at Corinth, Nero attempted to drive a chariot with a team of ten horses and though hurled from it in the race, he was nevertheless awarded the garland of victory! Greece was amused and Nero happy.

Filled with an unbounded satisfaction he returned to dazzle the residents of the capital with his god-like gifts. Arrayed in a purple robe and a mantle blazing with gold stars he rode in pomp through the city in the same chariot in which Augustus had so justly triumphed almost a century before. Wearing the most important wreath, the one awarded him at Olympia, he had the rest carried in a procession before him with golden inscriptions denoting the places where they had been won.

Suetonius relates that while this mortal Apollo was on the stage the gates were locked and guarded and it was unlawful for any person to depart from the theatre no matter how urgent the cause. He recited poetry and sang to his own accompaniment on the lyre for hours on end. Food was served the wearied audience and many men, tired of hearing and applauding him, either leaped from the walls by stealth or counterfeiting death were carried forth as corpses to be buried.

Nero continually strove to impress the people but blinded by his own theatrical success and deafened by the plaudits of the mob, he failed to see the crumbling of his throne nor did he hear the ever increasing murmur of discontent.

As the Reverend Sydenham so aptly wrote, "His love of the arts is a solitary redeeming ray on one of the darkest characters in history."

PHILIPPINE SOCIETY TO HONOR AMERICAN

Dr. Gilbert S. Perez, American scholar, educator, philosopher, writer, and critic, at present Superintendent of Vocational Education of the Department of Public Instruction in the Philippine Republic, will be conferred "Honorary Membership" by the Philippine Numismatic and Antiquarian Society at a ceremony and special meeting to be held on June 27 at the Crystal Bowl of the Hotel Avenue in Manila starting at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. Dr. Perez will be the first American to be so honored by the society.

At the ceremony, Dr. Jesus P. Celis, president, will give the opening address, Michael Goldenberg will read and present the resolution of "Honorary Membership," Dr. Felipe R. Hidalgo will present the medal, Dr. Pablo I. de Jesus will introduce the honoree, and Dr. Gilbert S. Perez will deliver his address of acceptance. Jose D. Gelano will act as toastmaster and Jose P. de los Reyes, secretary, will act as moderator.



The medal to be presented Dr. Perez is a donation of Graciano T. Nepomuceno, foremost living Filipino sculptor, to the society and is carved from molave. The design on the obverse (see cut) shows a tree that has been cut through with three branches sprouting nonetheless. It resembles that appearing on the Rizaliana "Ex Libris" of Dr. Perez and is likewise similar to that of the Society of Medalists' 1940 Walker Hancock medal, reverse side.

Officers of the Philippine Numismatic and Antiquarian Society for the current year are Dr. Jesus P. Celis, president; Col. Angel M. Tuason, vice president; Jose P. de los Reyes, secretary; Teodulo Protomartir, treasurer; Jesus Cacho, Francisco Ferraz, Dr. Felipe R. Hidalgo, Dr. Pablo I. de Jesus, and Alfonso Ongpin as members of the board of directors. The members of the society have been working hard and conscientiously, trying to rebuild their collections, lost or neglected due to the last global war.

— JOSE P. DE LOS REYES, *Secretary*
Philippine Numismatic and
Antiquarian Society

OBITUARIES

John M. Richardson, A.N.A. No. 12335

On June 9, John M. Richardson died suddenly in his home, 154 California street, Stratford, Connecticut. He was 84 and only recently celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary.

He was born on a New England farm and at the age of sixteen went to Worcester, Mass., to attend the Worcester County Free Institute of Industrial Science (later known as the Worcester Polytechnic Institute). There he took a full course in woodworking and later became a pattern and model maker. He retired in 1933.

He led a rich and full life and was beloved by all who knew him. He believed that a man should have other interests in life aside from his work, and he practiced this belief. The infirmities of old age may have lessened his activities but it never succeeded in dulling his mind nor in lessening his kindly humor. He was a delightful correspondent and his letters were always a source of cheer and inspiration to those who received them. I once wrote and asked him if he had other hobbies aside from coins. Here is an excerpt from his reply dated May 13, 1947:

"... there is nothing like a hobby to keep a person young. My first attempt was collecting stamps when I was ten years old, but I am not a philatelist today. Another boy hobby was collecting and mounting butterflies. The hobbies of maturer years have been botany, astronomy, genealogy, and numismatics. I lived in Waterbury for 18 years and belonged to the Naturalist Club there and took great interest in forming a large herbarium of flowers and ferns. My interest in astronomy has been principally in the physical features of the moon. Years ago I made a telescope stand and telescope with a 2¼ inch aperture (of course buying the optical parts) and studied the craters and mountains on the moon. I now have a lot of lantern slides, some of which were taken with the 100 inch telescope showing the surface of the moon highly magnified. I never owned a projecting lantern but have given talks when a lantern was available.

"I guess I was born with the genealogical bug, for I have taken a wonderful interest in tracing family lineage for myself and others. Numismatics I will not now dwell on.

"There is one thing about hobbies, and that is when you begin to tire of one, you can fall back on one of the others with a renewed interest."

Numismatics has lost one of the most enthusiastic students and probably the foremost authorities on colonial and state coinages.

He was a member of the Stratford Historical Society, the Waterbury Naturalists' Club, the Stratford Library Board, and the A.N.A.

He is survived by his wife, Emily J. Bentley Richardson, four children, seven grandchildren and a great-grandson. His body was taken to Franklin, Mass., for burial. — S. M.

Raymond B. Cox, A.N.A. No. 7283

Raymond Benjamin Cox, 64, president of the Webster and Atlas National Bank and the Algonquin Club of Boston, died June 28 at his home 490 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, after several months illness.

A native of Easton, Md., and a graduate of Baltimore schools, Mr. Cox entered the banking business as a clerk in the Manufacturing National Bank, Baltimore, in 1902. In 1910 he was appointed auditor of the First National Bank of that city and a year later its transit manager. In 1912 he was made assistant cashier of the First National Bank, New York. Two years later he was made a vice president of the Webster and Atlas National Bank, becoming its president in 1920. He had served in that capacity, and as a director, since then.

He was a member of A.N.A., the Boston Numismatic Society, and various business and social clubs in the city of Boston.

Mr. Cox leaves a wife, the former Ethel Baker, and one son, Raymond B., Jr.

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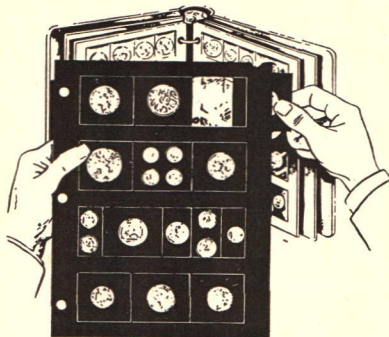
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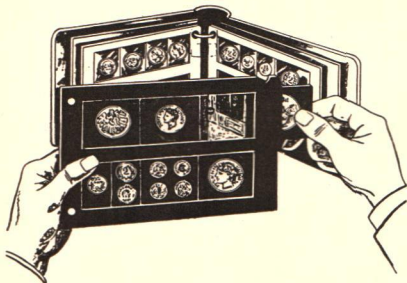


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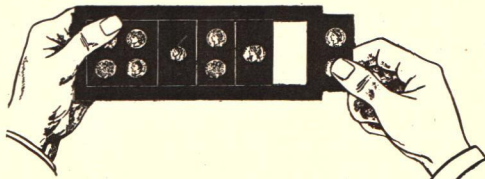


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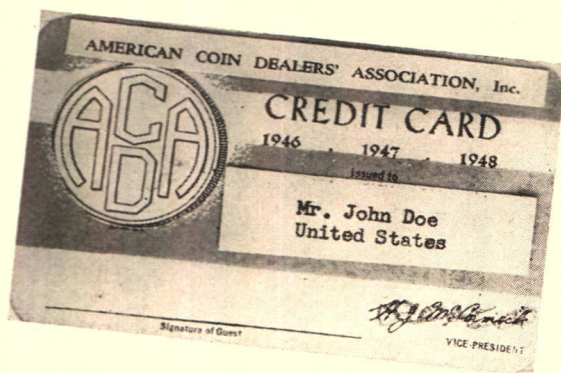
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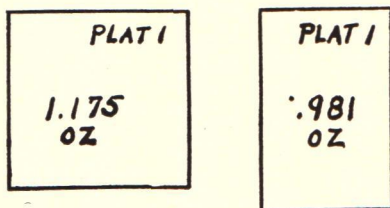
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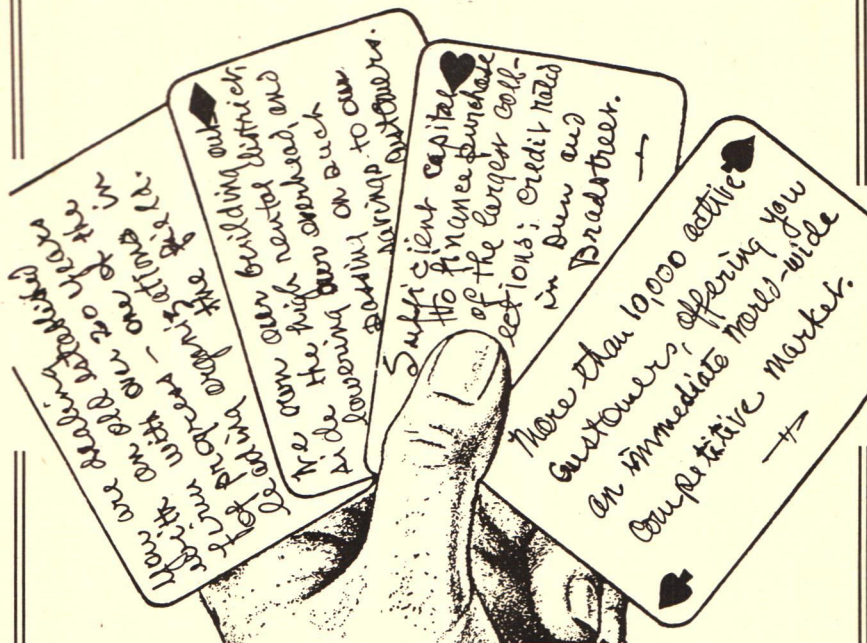
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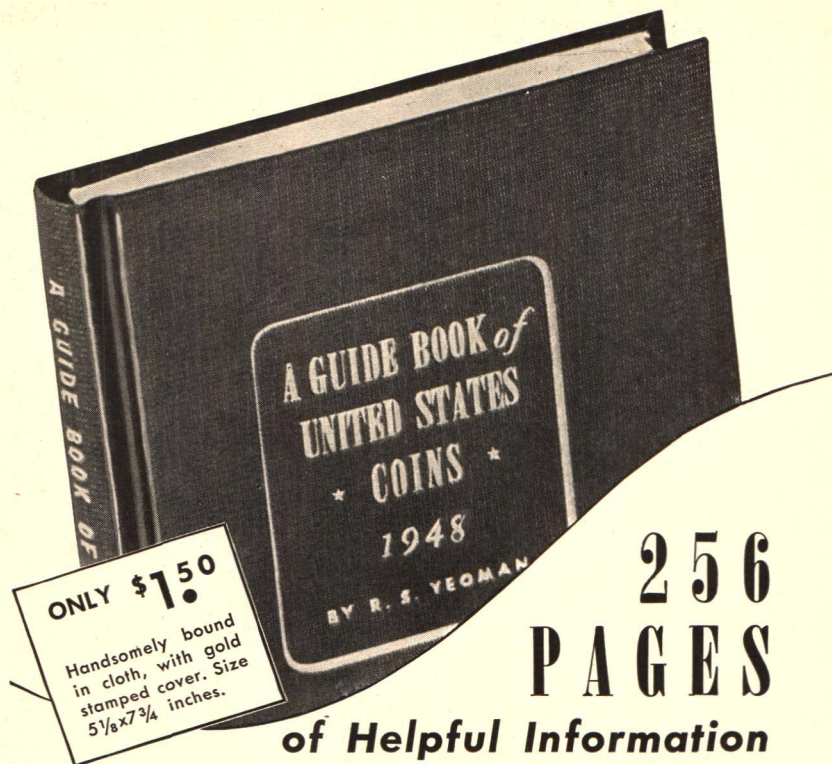


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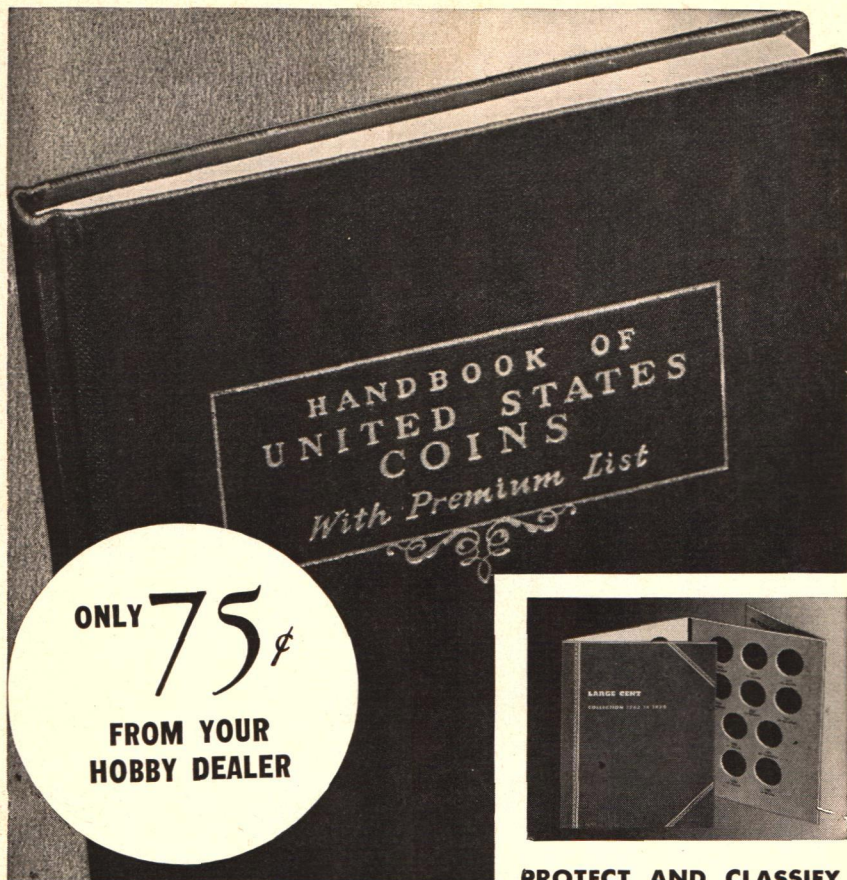
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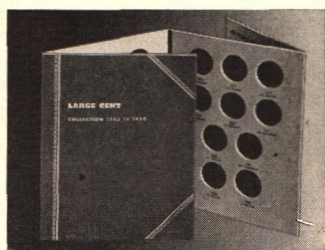
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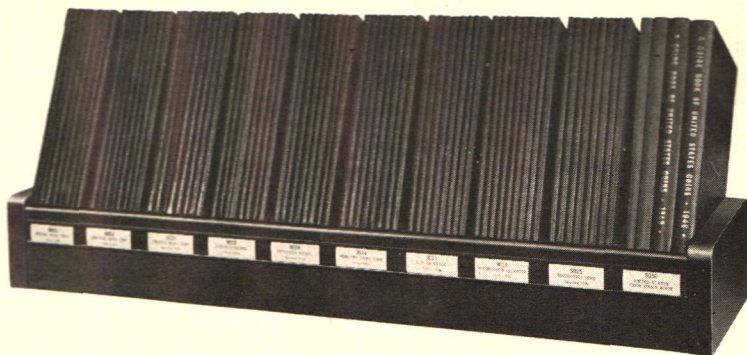


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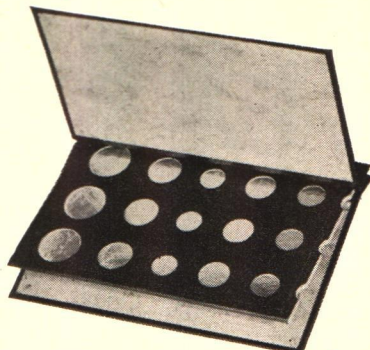
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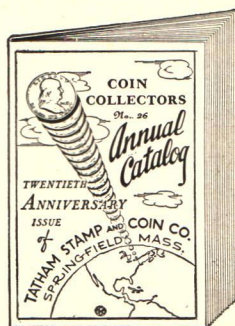
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It is the important duty of *The Numismatist* to record and illustrate all new issues. Members, both in the United States and abroad, are invited to submit new issues to Ernst Kraus, Room 1702, 444 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. The coins will be photographed and returned as soon as possible. A credit line will be given to every new issue described.

Czechoslovakia



100 Korun, 1948. Silver. Obverse: Bohemian lion in frame, inscription and date. Reverse: Charles IV., King of Bohemia, Holy Roman Emperor, kneeling and holding document, knight standing, holding standarte and sword, two small shields and date 1348 at left. Inscription: Sest set let University Karlovy, (six-hundredth anniversary of Charles University in Prague), value below.



50 Korun, 1948. Silver. Obverse: Bohemian lion and inscription. Reverse:

Nude man walking right, holding sword and olive branch, value, date 1945 5 Kveten (May) 1948. This coin was issued in commemoration of the third anniversary of the liberation from the Nazis and the end of the war.



20 Haleru, 1948. Bronze. Obverse: Bohemian lion, inscription and date. Reverse: Sheaf of wheat, value and sickle. This design is similar to the earlier nickel coin of the same value, but the planchet is smaller. (Paul F. Klaasesz)

Iran (Persia)



25 Dinar, 1946. Aluminum Bronze. Obverse: Lion holding sword, crown above, value below, all within wreath. Reverse: Value in wreath, date 1324 A.H. below. (Lauren Benson)

Hyderabad, Native State of India



2 Pies, 1943. Bronze. Obverse: Arabic inscription: In the year 33 of his tranquil prosperity, struck at Hyderabad of happy foundation. Reverse: Nizam al Mulk Asaf-Jah Bahadur. 92 for Muhammed, 1362 A.H. value, do pai's. Holed planchet. (Submitted by Lauren Benson, translated by Dr. George C. Miles, Curator of Islamic Coins, ANS. Museum, N. Y.)

Lebanon



1 Piastre, 1940. Zinc. Obverse: Inscription: Etat du Grand Liban in Arabic and French. Reverse: Two lion heads, value and date in Arabic and French. Holed planchet.



1/2 Piastre, 1941. Zinc. Obverse: Inscription in French: value in wreath, Republic Libanaise above, date below. Reverse: Arabic inscription: Similar to obverse. (Lauren Benson) (Howard D. Gibbs)

South Africa



5 Shillings, 1948. Silver. Head of King, left. Inscription: GEORGIUS SEXTUS REX. Reverse: Springbuck. Inscription: South Africa, date, Suid Afrika, value below. The reverse was designed by Coert Steynberg. This is the first coin issued with the new obverse inscription, dropping the title India Imperator. Michael McDonald has generously donated this crown to the ANA Collection of Coins.

Syria



2 1/2 Piastres, 1940. Aluminum Bronze. Obverse: Arabic and French inscription: Etat de Syrie, wreath around central hole. Reverse: Two lion heads, value and date in Arabic and French. (Imre Molnar)

1 Piastre, 1940. Zinc. Similar but for size and value. Holed planchet. (Howard D. Gibbs, Lauren Benson)

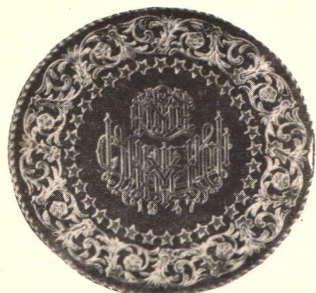
Turkey



5 Pound, 1946. Gold. Obverse: Head

of ISMET INONU (President) left. Inscription: HAKIMIYET MILLETIN-DIR (Sovereignty belongs to the people) ANKARA. Reverse; Inscription: TURKIYE CUMHURİYETİ (Turkish Republic). Date 1923, below 23 (23rd year since the founding of the Republic in 1923) enclosed in wreath. Reeded edge.

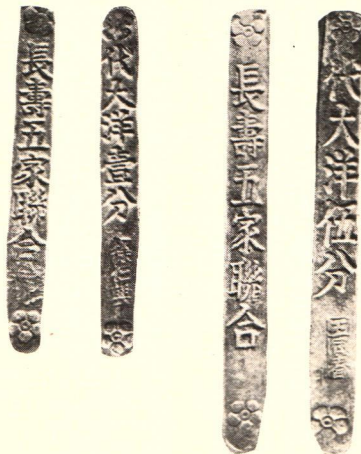
2½, 1, ½ Pound, 1946. Gold. Similar.



2½ Pound, Gold. 1947. (Deluxe presentation piece.) Obverse: Head of İnönü, left. In circle of stars and floral border. Reverse: Inscription: TURKIYE CUMHURİYETİ in monogram form, date below. All enclosed in circle of stars and floral border. Large reeded edge, thin planchet.

Also 1, ½, and ¼ Pound, Gold. Similar. (Hans M. F. Schulman, translated by Dr. George C. Miles.)

China



The side with six characters reads: Ch'ang Shou Union of 5 Shops. The reverse with five characters reads on the larger piece: A substitute for 5 Fen of the big Dollar, the smaller stick reads the same except for 1 Fen. The counterstamps below are proper names, different on each, maybe the name of the merchant. These are bronze merchants tokens, with no indication of locale or date. Possibly Manchuria or Korea. These two tokens were submitted by Howard D. Gibbs, translated by Yu-ch'uan Wang and William L. Clark, Curator of the ANS. Museum in N. Y.

CALIFORNIA STATE PLANS CONVENTION

The California State Numismatic Association announces plans for its Fall Convention to be held at the Ambassador Hotel in Santa Monica on October 9th and 10th. The Bay Cities Coin Club will be host club. Dr. C. L. Emmons is Honorary Chairman. Chairman will be Aubrey Austin, with James Miladdin and A. Kosoff as Co-Chairmen. S. J. Kabealo will be in charge of the auction; R. J. Heller, the bourse; S. M. Koepfel, the display; Dr. O. K. Grier, reception; Karl Brainard, publicity; J. Miladdin, reservations; A. Kosoff, program; L. Panosh, registration and finance.

Sponsoring clubs, all members of the California State Numismatic Associa-

tion, are Bay Cities, East Bay, Hanford, Los Angeles, Orange County, Pacific Coast, Pasadena, San Diego, San Joaquin, Todo Dinero, and Ventura.

Lewis M. Reagan, A.N.A. General Secretary, will be there, and Loyd Gettys, A.N.A. president, will also probably attend. Past C.S.N.A. conventions have attracted collectors from all over the country, and at the Fresno meeting in February, collectors from the east and midwest came and enjoyed it. This year, with the setting in beautiful Santa Monica, right on the Pacific Ocean front, guests of the Convention are in for a real treat and many surprises.

The September *Numismatist* will give you the details — sufficient to make your mouth water and, we hope, to make up your mind that you'll be with the crowd.

NOMINATIONS REPORT

FINAL

The following is a report of nominations for officers for the 1948-49 election and includes only those candidates who had accepted their nominations on or before June 22, 1948. Nominators listed for each nominee are in addition to those published in the July issue.

FOR PRESIDENT

LOYD B. GETTYS, Davenport, Iowa
Southeastern Numismatic Association, Orange County Coin Club

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FOR GENERAL SECRETARY

LEWIS M. REAGAN, Wichita, Kansas
Southeastern Numismatic Association, Orange County Coin Club

FOR TREASURER

GEORGE H. BLAKE, Jersey City, New Jersey
Southeastern Numismatic Association, Orange County Coin Club.
Correction of error in July issue: Nominators of Mr. Blake were same as those listed for General Secretary, and nominations were Accepted, and not declined as reported. Nomination of Mr. Wade was declined subsequent to the publication of the July issue.

FOR LIBRARIAN

T. R. HAMMER, Wichita, Kansas
Southeastern Numismatic Association, Orange County Coin Club

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

(Five to be elected)

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Buffalo Numismatic Association
R. S. YEOMAN, Racine, Wisconsin
Southeastern Numismatic Association, Orange County Coin Club

DOMESTIC COINAGE EXECUTED BY VARIOUS MINTS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, 1948

Denomination	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total Value	Total Pieces
SILVER					
Half dollars —					
Regular			\$ 56,300.00	\$ 56,300.00	112,600
Commemorative: Booker T. Washington ...	\$ 10,002.50	\$ 10,002.50	10,002.50	30,007.50	60,015
Quarter dollars					
Dimes	823,000.00		774,000.00	1,597,000.00	15,970,000
Total silver	\$ 833,002.50	\$ 10,002.50	\$ 840,302.50	\$ 1,683,307.50	16,142,615
MINOR					
Five-cent pieces	\$ 99,400.00		\$ 137,200.00	\$ 236,600.00	4,732,000
One-cent pieces	453,250.00	\$140,000.00	104,350.00	697,600.00	69,760,000
Total minor	\$ 552,650.00	\$140,000.00	\$ 241,550.00	\$ 934,200.00	74,492,000
Total domestic coinage	\$1,385,652.50	\$150,002.50	\$1,081,852.50	\$2,617,507.50	90,634,615

COINAGE EXECUTED FOR FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

Mint	Country	Metal	Denomination	Number of Pieces
Philadelphia Mint	Syria	Silver	50 Piaster	2,350,000
Philadelphia Mint	Syria	Silver	25 Piaster	3,440,000
San Francisco Mint	El Salvador	Nickel	5 Centavos	2,304,000
				8,094,000

ACCUMULATIVE REPORT OF DOMESTIC COINAGE FOR 1948

Denomination	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars, Regular	\$1,500,000.00	none	\$2,014,300.00
Booker T. Washington Commemorative	10,002.50	\$ 10,002.50	10,002.50
Quarter dollars	1,640,000.00	none	873,000.00
Dimes	823,000.00	none	871,000.00
Nickels	887,600.00	none	137,200.00
Cents	2,096,450.00	724,000.00	713,050.00

THE ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB JUNE 23, 1948

The 121st monthly meeting of the Orange County Coin Club held June 21st and the 78 members and guests had an interesting night.

Many important people in the world of numismatics were present but the presence of our efficient, likeable and always helpful Secretary LEWIS M. REAGAN of the American Numismatic Association made this meeting the outstanding one of 1948. In about fifteen minutes he gave us an inside picture of the A.N.A. and the big work being done by our capable, hard-working officers. We were so glad to know the present officers are willing to "carry on" this good work for another year. Because of this record Secretary Charles L. Ruby made a motion, seconded by Abe Kosoff, that "The Orange County Coin Club nominate all the present officers and directors for 1948." This motion was unanimously carried.

Finally our ex-secretary, who is working for the federal government in Ecuador, broke his silence and sent us a recording of his advice on how a good secretary should read the minutes and also gave us a picture of conditions in that country. It made us all more appreciative of our own country in spite of political conventions and high taxes; yes, and even some M.D.'s. Really, it was a treat that all of us will remember, Dr. C. Glenn Curtis, and we do trust you and Mrs. Curtis won't sell your home here or trade it for a banana grove down there. We miss you both and will be looking for you, Glenn, to serve our Club as President next year.

Secretary Charles L. Ruby spoke for thirty minutes on Large Cents.

After the social and refreshment period, which also included the raffle and the meeting of the distinguished guests, a very nice auction was held with the "one and only" Ralph Mitchell auctioneering. This act is one that no one could ever forget, and some of the ladies even became interested in the auction. It may have been the beautifully cared-for curly locks of the auctioneer or the pleasing personality of Joe Steele, our auction chairman.

— CHARLES L. RUBY, *Secretary*

Addenda

Near the end of the meeting it was moved and carried that the visiting General Secretary of the A.N.A. be appointed temporary guest secretary for this meeting. There was very little more to be said but this is an opportunity of officially expressing my thanks for the very gracious hospitality extended to me at this meeting and others attended on the recent trip to the Pacific Coast. I did exact a promise from Secretary Ruby to visit the Wichita Coin Club in the near future and he also stated that he would be pleased to visit other clubs on his proposed visit to the Middle West during the next few weeks. It had been reported to me that the Orange County Coin Club is not only the largest organization of its kind and the best attended, but was unique in the nature of its programs, and that attendance at one of their meetings would constitute a liberal education in numismatics and good fellowship. These were all understatements and it was a rare treat to have been able to be present.

— LEWIS M. REAGAN, *Guest Secretary*

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INSULTS ON MONEY

Chinese Resistance Depicted in Japanese Occupation Currency

By LT. COL. H. W. ATKINSON, USAFR

A little known use of anti-Japanese propaganda was the printing of insults in the paper money issued by the Japanese themselves for use in China. The Chinese engravers slyly, on at least four occasions, successfully fooled the Japs and the results were widely circulated at the expense of the enemy. These four engravers' tricks which are known to most Chinese may be all that were perpetrated on the Japanese during the issue of some twenty varieties of CRB Chinese occupation currency.

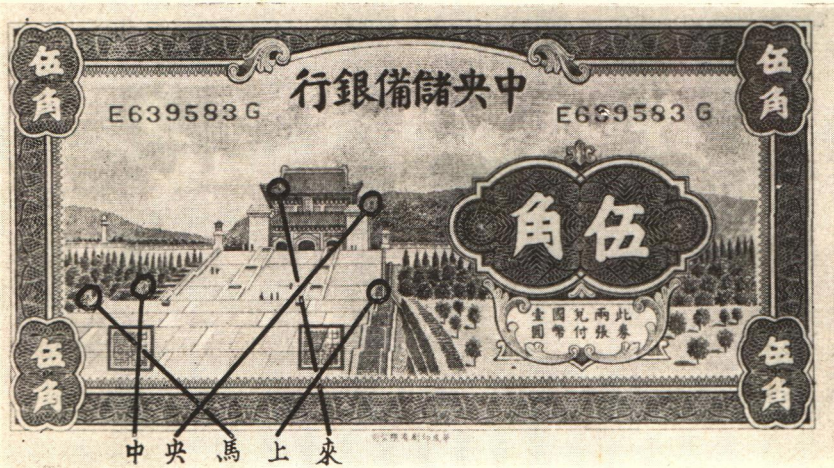
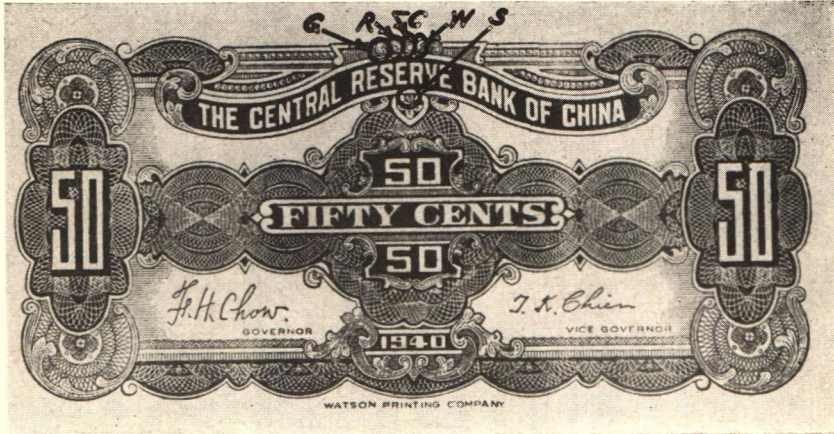
Actual Japanese occupation of Chinese territory began with the Mukden Incident in 1931 but the Chinese-Japanese war did not begin until July 7, 1937 and the "Marco Polo Bridge Incident" then was followed by invasion of North China, capture of most of the seaports and occupation of Shanghai and Nanking. The Chinese government moved westward to Hankow and finally to Chungking, eight hundred miles inland. The Japanese in "Occupied China" actually controlled only the cities and railway lines while guerrilla bands, ostensibly Nationalist, frequently battled the Japanese troops right to the gates of the city walls.

Japanese control brought financial changes and new money; FRB (Federal Reserve Bank of China) notes for North China in 1938 and CRB (Central Reserve Bank of China) notes for South and Central China in 1940.

But the Chinese even in the occupied and controlled areas never really succumbed to the Japanese and they continually tried in every way to confuse and embarrass the authorities. And the Chinese engravers did their share at the risk of their lives. Apparently no insults appeared on FRB money but at least four were slipped by the Japs responsible for issue of CRB notes. The Chinese laughed and the Japs

fumed, executed engravers and withdrew issues; but the damage was done and the conquerors made ridiculous. Much "face" was lost.

These engraved attacks on the Japanese may be called direct insults by inclusion of Chinese characters or English letters in the design or implied and subtle insults by use of design patterns as symbols. The descriptions that follow present two of each of these types.



CGWRS (Central Government Will Return Soon)

On the three different color varieties of the fifty cent CRB notes of 1940 the engraver boldly included this statement in both Chinese and English. The Chinese words are worked into the design of the obverse which shows Sun Yat-sen's mausoleum on the slope of Purple Mountain, Nanking. The English, represented only by first letters, is worked into a border design at the top center of the reverse.



The Turtle

The turtle, hatching from eggs in the sand, does not know its parents and to the Chinese "Egg of a turtle" is the insulting appellation of a bastard. This insult directed at the Japs is simply shown as half turtles in the border of the 10 Yuan note of 1940.



Wolves, Back to Back

The Chinese have two varieties of wolves, Lang the large gray wolf, and Bei the small tawny species. These cunning and cruel animals when shown together, often back to back, symbolize greed and rapaciousness, especially on the part of Government officials. In the border of the 100 Yuan note of 1942 the designer shaped the fretwork to resemble the top view of a wolf's muzzle and placed each pair back to back, representing the ever extending greed of the Japanese masters.



USAC (United States Army Coming)

On the 200 Yuan note of 1944 the English letters "US" were included in the design of the reverse and "AC" in the obverse. The letters were generally recognized to stand for "United States Army Coming." This bill was illustrated in the advertisement of the Tatham Stamp & Coin Company in the June 1946 issue of *The Numismatist*.

B. MAX MEHL SALE OF MARCH 23 TOTALS \$116,467.44

The 4688 lot "Royal Sale" conducted March 23 by B. Max Mehl, realized a total of \$116,467.44.

The first 309 lots and the last 45 lots consisted of rare gold coins consigned to Mr. Mehl by His Majesty Farouk I, King of Egypt. Lots 310 to 2863, consisting of United States coins, was the property of Dr. Christian A. Allenburger of Columbus, Nebraska, and lots 2864 to 4643 belonged to the estate of the late Dr. Russell H. Renz, Detroit, Michigan. The latter consignment was a general collection, unusually rich in rarities.

Following are a few of the prices realized:

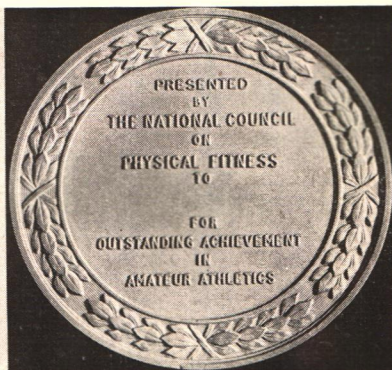
14-16	Russia 1834, 3, 6 and 12 Roubles. Platinum. Proofs.	\$ 675.00
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2587	U.S. 1877 \$50 Pattern. Copper gilded.....	675.00
3280	U.S. 1882 \$20 Freak note. \$20 on obv; \$10 on rev; E.F..	175.00
3644	U.S. 1876 \$3 Gold. Brilliant Proof.....	625.00
3681	U.S. 1826 \$5 Gold. Unc.....	375.00
3932	California (1849). \$16 Gold ingot. Moffat & Co. Ex. F....	1175.00
4123	Venice. 1766 30 Ducats. Gold. Practically unc.....	1470.00

NEW CANADIAN MEDAL

National Amateur Athletic Achievement Award

A new medal, known as the National Amateur Athletic Achievement Award, has been created by the Canadian Government. It is expected that this award will become the most highly prized amateur award in Canada. The first winner was none other than Ottawa's own Barbara Ann Scott, holder of the World, Olympic, European, and Canadian figure skating championships. The medal is of gold, 2 inches in diameter and 3/16 of an inch in thickness.



After the principle of the award had been approved, ideas and suggestions were submitted by members of the National Council on Physical Fitness and by officers of the Department of National Health and Welfare. These ideas were turned over to R. J. Edmunds, the Superintendent of the Royal Canadian Mint, who not only provided expert technical advice but took a personal interest in the development of the design. The detailed design was produced by the Mint's engraver, T. Shingles.

The design is simple but striking, with the official Coat of Arms of Canada and a wreath of maple leaves on the obverse and four sprays of laurel leaves surrounding the inscription on the reverse. The motto, "Que La Voie Soit Ouverte au Talent" (Let the Path Be Open to Talent), aptly expresses the spirit of the award.

Ottawa, Canada,
21 June 1948.

Capt. Sheldon S. Carroll,
A.N.A. 12319.

THE TOKEN COLLECTORS' PAGE

This page is devoted to American store cards, tokens, and similar metallic pieces. Its purpose is to illustrate and describe the many interesting pieces that are so little known to most present day collectors. In some instances the pieces are illustrated for the first time and a special effort is made to include the early issues that have never been listed elsewhere. Collectors who are able to supply additional information on any of the cards published are cordially invited to do so.

St. Louis, Missouri



SCHNAIDER'S GARDEN, ST. LOUIS, MO. In three lines. Reverse: View of buildings and gardens. At base in small letters W. W. WILCOX CHICAGO. Beaded border, plain edge. German silver. Size 21. Wright 949. Not in Adams.

This piece belongs to the series of interesting cards issued in the Southwest about 65 years ago. They are usually the size of a half dollar and of a hard nickel-silver composition, quite well designed and always well struck. Many of the designs depict historical buildings. Most of those we have seen bear the imprint of either bars, saloons, or beer gardens. It is possible that they were conceived by a brewing company.

Dr. Wright listed quite a number of them but Adams appeared to have ignored the series entirely. We have about twelve in our own collection and will describe and illustrate them as time and space permits. Fifty years ago these pieces were in demand and fetched fairly high prices. Today they won't bring enough to warrant a dealer giving them a catalogue number.

Occasionally we come across a collector who owns one of them and,

while he may have no interest in tokens, it is as difficult to get that token away from him as to get him to part with his right arm. Texan Ben Feder of Houston is a rare exception.

Locality Unknown



O.H. in incused letters. Upright fouled anchor. Beaded border. Copper. Oval, size 12 by 16. Plain edge. Wright 1559.

This piece was known to Dr. Wright 47 years ago but he failed to add any information to that which can be seen in the illustration. On close examination we discovered that it is made of two pieces of metal. The obverse part is very thin and apparently sweated to the reverse. The anchor design resembles that of an old style button and it is very possible that it was once a button.

It is useless to speculate on the why, when, and where of this card. It may be an emission readily recognized by some alert collector, and then again, it may be a homemade phantasy of someone who wanted to see his initials on a piece of metal.

Farmington, Maine

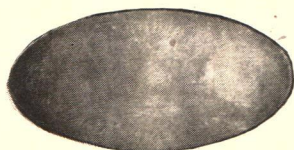


CHESTER GREENWOOD & CO. MFERS. FARMINGTON, MAINE. Bust of man wearing ear protectors to right. Reverse: IF YOU WANT THE BEST GET GREENWOODS EAR PROTECTORS FOR 25 CTS EVERYWHERE. Brass. Plain edge. Size 15. Adams 4. Not in Wright.

Very few store cards have been used in the State of Maine. Adams lists only seven and four of these are regular United States coins that have been countermarked. The QUEBEC F. YORK token, showing the bust of Washington, is excessively rare so we are left with only two numbers that we can reasonably hope to obtain. Aside from the two Civil War cards attributed to Bangor, Raymond does not list a single piece for Maine.

The card illustrated is certainly no artistic triumph but it is typical of a period when you could buy "ear protectors" for two-bits a set.

Omaha, Nebraska



YOUR MONEY GOES A LONG WAY AT BOSTON STORE, J. L. BRANDEIS & SONS OMAHA. Rolled on an Indian head cent of 1895.

Store cards of Nebraska are few and far between. Not a single one is listed by Adams or Raymond. The several we have are quite uninteresting, the piece illustrated being representative. For all of that it is the only "rolled" cent we have ever seen other than those advertising expositions or devoted to religious subjects.

The piece illustrated was bought by its former owner in 1902 and cost him a dime.

San Francisco, California



C. A. KLINKNER & CO. STENCILS, STEEL STAMPS, RUBBER STAMPS & CHECKS. 320 SANSOME ST., S.F., in seven lines. Beaded border. Reverse: Chinese inscription. Aluminum. Size 18. Plain edge. Not in Adams nor in Wright.

The former owner who bought this unusual card back in 1903 described it as extremely rare and added the remark, "The only United States store card I have ever seen bearing Chinese characters." Others may have been discovered since then but as far as we can determine his statement of 45 years ago holds good today. If you will examine the illustration carefully you will notice that a small hole was drilled in the card so that it might be suspended with the Chinese inscription upright. If a coin had such a hole it would be considered worthless but not so this little American-Chinese store card. We think the hole adds to its interest.

Marshall Card Stirs Recollections

Dear Editor:

I have one of the Marshall store cards dated 1860 as described on page 406 of the June issue of *The Numismatist*. It was given to me by Mr. Marshall in 1876. At that time he handled only guns, fishing tackle and other sporting goods. I was the only taxidermist in that city and many times work for me was left at Marshall's store, so we were in close contact all the time.

The "ear muffs" you speak of were worn as a protection against "punkers" (gnats) while fishing in the Adirondacks. Every follower of Izaak Walton that went into the "North Woods" in the spring or summer carried a bottle of "punk dope," a home-made preparation with sinetar as a base. It was smeared over the hands and face but was not always effective.

Marshall's store was a rendezvous for all hunters and fishermen. After telling about the big one that got away, the conversation always swung around to how bad were the punkies.

Respectfully,
DWIGHT D. STONE,
ANA No. 9859
Coolidge, Ariz.

Send those duplicate books, catalogues or magazines to the A.N.A. library.

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Henry Does Bang-up Publicity Job

Five minutes after the 1948 Convention of the A.N.A. was awarded to the Boston Numismatic Society, Henry Schuhmacher rushed to the telegraph desk in the Hotel Statler in Buffalo, and wired the Copley Plaza in Boston for Convention reservations, August 21 to 25. Since then, Henry and his fellow workers have toiled ceaselessly in an effort to house, entertain, educate, feed, and please those collectors fortunate enough to be able to attend the 57th Annual Convention of the A.N.A. which is being held this month in Boston.

The officers of the A.N.A. and the Convention Committee of the A.N.A. have spared neither time nor effort to assist the host club in making preparations, and from where we sit the success of the Convention is a foregone conclusion.

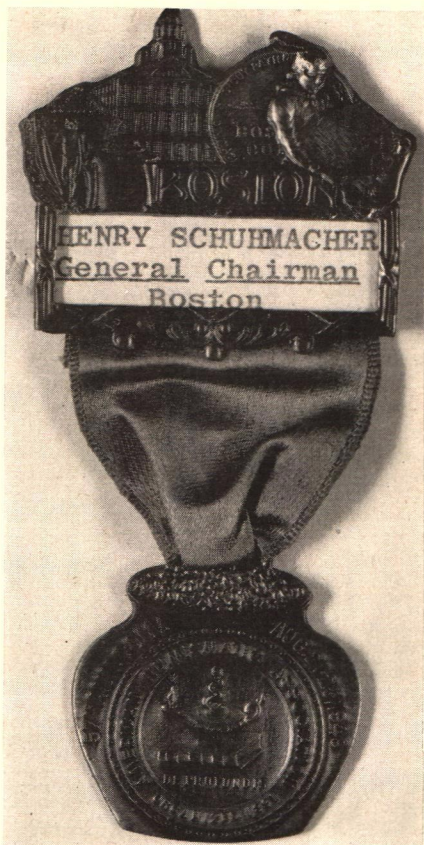
Only those who have served as general chairmen for conventions, which attract an attendance of over 500, can appreciate the tremendous task that Henry has accomplished.

I know of several who have written him to the effect that he was doing a splendid job. But Henry, being one of those modest New Englanders, refuses to accept any credit for himself. Well, there is one thing he cannot disclaim; and that is the publicity which has appeared in *The Numismatist* during the last six months.

With the exception of three articles signed by other members, Henry wrote every word of it. He wrote it under pressure too, and it always arrived well before the deadline. None of it is fancy writing but just plain everyday language, the kind that Henry uses when he talks and the kind we all understand.

What we thought to be most unusual about his copy, was the meticulous preparation he gave it before sending it to *The Numismatist*. No editor could ask, or even hope, for cleaner copy.

It has been a rare pleasure editing and arranging his publicity and I believe that every reader of *The Numismatist* will agree with me in saying that Henry Schuhmacher, General Chairman of the 1948 A.N.A. Convention, has put over a super, bang-up publicity job. — S.M.



The Boston 1948 Convention Badge

A copy of this handsome badge will be given all those who register at the 1948 A.N.A. Convention in Boston. It is finished in antique bronze and the ribbon is blue. Manufactured by the Whitehead & Hoag Company, Newark, N. J.

More About Stone Money of Yap

The article "Pacific Wards of Uncle Sam," by W. Robert Moore in the July, 1948 issue of *The National Geographic Magazine*, gives some interesting information on the stone money of Yap.

One of the accompanying illustrations shows a Yap "bank," a street on the island of Balaba, lined with doz-

ens of big Yap stone coins from 8 to 10 feet in diameter. Another picture shows a "coin mine," in an isolated cave on the Palau Islands, about 250 miles from Yap, with a partly cut 8 foot disc of stone money.

Shortchanged Himself

According to a newspaper report from London, England, Louis Tragourette, age 33, attempted to commit suicide by swallowing 30 English pennies. These coins are about the size of a U. S. half dollar.

Arraigned in court he pleaded guilty to the charge. A doctor testified he recovered 23 of the pennies by a surgical operation. It did not say whether or not the would-be suicide was a coin collector.

Transportation Token of Elgin, Ill.

The Elgin City Lines has issued a new transportation token about the size of a United States quarter dollar. The obverse reads: GOOD FOR ONE FARE. The reverse: ELGIN CITY LINES. A modern bus is pictured on each side of the token.

Wesley Foell, 458 Oak Street, Elgin, Illinois, has courteously offered to supply these tokens to members of the A.N.A. at cost. Send a dime and a stamped self-addressed envelope. Thanks a lot, Wesley.

Coin Rubbings and Casts

The Report of the 24th General Meeting of the Numismatic Association of Victoria, Australia, contains a splendid article on the manufacture of rubbings, tin foil replicas, and plaster casts of coins. The author Raymond Marcollo B.D.Sc., explains in detail the various methods he has used, the short cuts he has discovered, and the equipment needed. His systems are neither expensive nor complicated and well worth investigating whether you are a beginner or an old hand at the art.

Numismatic Society of Palestine

Since its organization three years ago the Numismatic Society of Palestine has held regular meetings either in Jerusalem or in Tel-Aviv. Programs and studies have dealt with over twenty-four phases of ancient coinages and occasionally a lecture has been given on the general aspects of coin collecting. Plans are now underway to publish the result

of these studies. The secretary of the Society is Leo Kaufmann, P.O. Box 392, Tel-Aviv, Palestine.

"Flying Eagle Coin Club"

On May 19, eight Boy Scouts and Juniors met at the home of George Sills, 4942 W. Florissant Ave., St. Louis, Mo., and formed a Junior Club for which they selected the name "Flying Eagle Coin Club." Mr. Sills was appointed sponsor.

District Secretary Al Wick was on hand and gave a talk on the fundamentals of coin collecting.

Two meetings have been held since then and the membership has increased to twelve. The following officers have been elected: President, Jerry Dore; vice president, Teddy Watson; secretary-treasurer, William Olwig. All young collectors in the neighborhood of St. Louis are given a cordial invitation to attend. The address of the Secretary is, 4928 W. Florissant Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

At Amiens They Called Him Constantus

By H. W. Holzer

Among several hundred more or less barbarous and contemporary imitations of Roman Imperial coins of the fourth Century, occasionally a really strange case of bad spelling



occurs. The coin here shown was evidently issued by the authority of a ruler named CONSTANTUS, and shows the mint mark of the Ambianus (Amiens, France) mint. Not only is this little *maiorina* under weight and size, but they even cheated on the letters!

However, why blame the poor die-cutter? There was a Constans, two rulers named Constantius, two Constantinus, all ruling within a few years of each other. Then there was the Latin word *constans*, meaning steady, which became *constantior* or *constantius* in the comparative, but thank heavens, the superlative, *constantissimus*, somehow escaped the fourth Century nomenclature, or perhaps it was difficult to spell?

Department of Odds and Ends

One of the most frequent misstatements we come across is that **Queen Isabella** of Spain is the only foreign monarch ever to appear on a U. S. coin. Was not **William the Silent** pictured on the Huguenot-Walloon half dollar of 1924 a foreign monarch? . . . **The Bureau of Engraving and Printing** is now at work altering the \$20 note so it will show the new porch that has been added to the White House. . . . **Earl C. Brown, Martin F. Kortjohn, and Elmer A. Schmidt** deserve medals for the interesting and accurate way they prepared reports of their club meetings. No need to rewrite their output. . . . **Joseph H. Spray** of Rutherford, N. J., owns the finest type set of United States coins we have ever seen. Each coin is a gem and Joe sees to it that they stay that way.

Baby numismatists are rare but last month your editor "uncled" two of them. A baby boy to his sister, **Mrs. Alan W. Faxon**, Mineola, N. Y., and another baby boy to his sister-in-law, **Mrs. John Watson**, Boston, Mass. Nice work girls! . . . We once knew a collector who had three shields of Fractional Currency cluttering up his den. In order to "clean house" he soaked the specimen notes off and destroyed the shield shaped frames. The son-of-a-gun! . . . Under the control of **President Loyd B. Gettys** we anticipate the business meetings of the coming Convention will be snappy, to the point, and productive.

We hope that **George J. Bauer, L.M.** No. 4 exhibits his Roman bronzes at the Boston Convention. As far as condition and color goes he has one of the finest collections in the world. And he has traveled over a good part of the world in obtaining it. . . . Another choice collection we would like to see is the collection of large cents owned by **T. James Clarke**, Jamestown, N. Y. Mostly all proofs and cost a terrific pile of money.

Last year **Dr. J. Hewitt Judd** could not attend the Convention but he will be there this year and he will bring along his choicest U. S. pattern coins. . . . **The Boston Numismatic Society** is giving a special prize to the collector traveling the longest distance to get to the Convention. We are betting on **Cosmopolitan P. K. Anderson** of Bogota, Colombia. (Not Columbia as we had it in the July issue of *The Numismatist*.) . . . Plans are underway to run a "Cent Collectors'

Forum" in *The Numismatist*. Several top experts have volunteered to help with it. . . . **Eight U. S. presidents** have appeared on our commemorative coins. How many of them can you name without peeking?

Booker T. Washington is the first negro to be depicted on a U. S. commemorative coin. . . . **A Hawaiian chief** in full regalia is pictured on the Captain Cook-Hawaiian half dollar of 1928. . . . **Several readers** would like to know why we don't publicize the requests made to Congress for special issues of half dollars. We do, but only when the request is granted by Congress and authorized by the President. Otherwise, what's the use? . . . **The eagle** is shown on ten of our commemorative coins: the owl but once. . . . Of the animals used on our coin designs, the horse is the most popular, having been used four times. The bear second, appearing twice. Other interesting animal types include the moose, oxen, cow, calf, catamount, badger, and beaver. . . . **Philippine** is misspelled more often than any other word we run across.

John M. Richardson of Stratford, Connecticut, will be sorely missed by those who knew him. In addition to being a grand man he was a collector's collector. . . . **Colonial and State** coinages are not as popular as they once were but they will come into their own again. Adult collectors will eventually weary of collecting dates and mint marks. . . . **Reports** are that the coin market has dropped a bit. That may be so but the coins we want haven't dropped a nickel in price. That may be because we do not collect rolls of current coins or over-rated rarities. . . . **Mr. and Mrs. B. Max Mehl** attended the Rotary Convention in Rio. Max writes that he may not be able to attend the Boston Convention, but he'd better.

A new collector in Canada writes that he has never seen a Canadian silver dollar in circulation there. In fact, he didn't know they had ever been coined until he saw them advertised for sale in *The Numismatist*. . . . **The Mexican** paper money in use across the border from McAllen looks as though it had been in circulation for the last several centuries. And dirty!!

Anyway, we'll see you all at the Boston Convention, August 21-25, providing Henry Schuhmacher doesn't keep us locked in a sight-seeing bus all the time we are there.

NOTES AND QUERIES

Use Magnet to Detect Steel Cents

Dear Sir:

For some time I have been collecting freak coins from circulation and since reading the article in *The Numismatist* about the cents of 1943 struck on silver planchets I have been hopeful of picking them up in circulation. I have come across two oddities which I wish you would explain for me.

The first is a 1944 cent from the Philadelphia Mint. While it is bronze colored it sounds exactly like a zinc coated steel cent of 1943.

The second is a dime of 1945 from the Denver Mint. It rings very much like a 1943 steel cent, although it has a high silver lustre just like any other dime in the same condition.

Sincerely,

ROBERT STURGES, O.D.
Independence, Mo.

Editor's note: The quickest way to detect a steel cent is to apply a magnet to it. If you can pick it up with a magnet, it is certainly steel. It is difficult to judge a coin by its ring. I've seen storekeepers do it but being somewhat tone deaf I could never learn the trick myself.

E PLURIBUS UNUM on a Shinplaster

Dear Sir:

The legend E PLURIBUS UNUM is generally accepted as associated with coins and used on them only but this legend was also used on a private issue of paper money. The 5-cent shinplaster issued by C. & C. R. Harmon & Root, Aurora, Ohio, 1862 bears an American eagle clutching the familiar arrows and olive branch atop a shield of stars and stripes. Underneath this emblem of the U. S. of America are the words E PLURIBUS UNUM.

Probably due to the fact that the U. S. was in the throes of the Civil War, restrictions regarding the use or issue of paper money were not as stringent as they are today. The use of such a design would not be legal today.

Very truly yours,
CYRUS A. MOREHOUSE,
Newark, N. J.

Last Call for Exhibit Space at the A.N.A. Boston Convention

The Boston Convention Hall provides ample space for the free use of members who wish to place an exhibit before the Convention, August 21-25.

In order that each exhibitor will be assured of getting proper space it is suggested that those planning to exhibit, either write, telephone, or telegraph the Exhibits Chairman at once. His name and address is:

Malcolm O. E. Chell-Frost, 120 Tremont Street, Room 328, Boston, Mass.

Coin Club Organized in Winnipeg

Several months ago a coin club was organized in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and now meetings are being held every second Sunday of each month in the board room of the *Winnipeg Free Press* at 7 p.m.

The following officers have been elected: President, B. Koper; vice president, A. Manweiler; 2nd vice president, J. Okimura; secretary, E. Vicent.

The name "Canadian Coin Club" has been chosen and an invitation is extended to all coin collectors in that part of Canada to become members. The address of the secretary is: E. Vincent, 620 Castle Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Our Business Manager Offers Assistance to Advertisers

Occasionally a coin dealer or collector encounters difficulty in planning an advertisement for publication in *The Numismatist*. His is perhaps uncertain of the proper size type, the exact amount of space needed and the cost, in the event the advertisement is paid for in advance.

Our Business Manager Burton H. Saxton, is always prepared to assist such persons. He will have your advertisement set up in the finest possible style, using no more space than is necessary and, once your credit is established, send you a monthly statement.

This skilled layout work is yours without extra cost, so why not take advantage of it! New advertisers should not fail to submit banking or other satisfactory credit references when sending in advertising copy.

RNA and BNA Meet in Batavia

On June 19, members of the Rochester Numismatic Association and the Buffalo Association held a joint meeting and banquet at the Hotel Richmond, Batavia, New York.

Forty members and guests were in attendance and each and every one of them reported a highly enjoyable evening. John J. Pittman was master of ceremonies and among the speakers was the grand old collector, George J. Bauer, A.N.A. Life Member No. 4.

After the turkey dinner, speeches, and planning for the next annual banquet, an auction got underway and many fine coins changed hands.

Life Members Please Note!

Last fall, soon after the 1947 A.N.A. Convention, arrangements were made with Mr. Henry Schuhmacher, General Chairman of the 1948 Convention at Boston, to set aside Sunday evening, August 22nd, for the Life Members annual meeting.

In the interim, Messrs. Ryan and Werner have made several trips to Boston and have, after an extensive and thorough investigation, reported that it would be impossible, due to existing conditions, to have a dinner meeting at a charge increased to \$10 per person, without still incurring another deficit and therefore decided to forego same until a more favorable time.

With their decision, I am in hearty accord. I have in turn, released to Mr. Schuhmacher the Sunday evening referred to, which he was very happy to accept for another activity.

A business meeting of Life Members sometime during the Convention days is very necessary to decide future plans. All Life Members attending the Convention are urged to attend. Notice of date and time will be posted on the bulletin board and will also be announced during the regular preliminary A.N.A. business meeting.

J. H. WILD, M.D.
President
Life Members Club.

Numismatic Gallery Monthly

The California branch of the Numismatic Gallery, 8943 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, California, has inaugurated an interesting monthly price list which will be sent without charge to all active collectors.

The first two issues, May and June, offer a fine selection of United States coins as well as foreign gold, silver,

and copper. The List is enlivened by the addition of a news section entitled "Money Talks."

Kelly's Coins and Chatter

Jim Kelly, the popular coin dealer of Dayton, Ohio, has just put out the first issue of a combination price list and news sheet. Collectors will find the "Question and Answer" department of real interest and we hope that Jim has started something that other dealers will emulate. A copy will be sent without charge but the issue is limited and the requests which are accompanied by postage will be given attention first. Address: James Kelly, 3rd and Broadway, Dayton 7, Ohio.

Tatham's Anniversary Issue

By way of celebrating its 20th Anniversary the Tatham Stamp and Coin Co., Springfield, Mass., has issued a special 86 page Catalogue. It is liberally illustrated and printed in an attractive and easily read style. An unusual innovation is the manner in which U. S. paper money is illustrated. The old style large notes are represented by miniature drawings which by no means violate the law against picturing our paper money, but which are readily recognizable as the notes they represent. The art and layout work throughout the catalogue is cleverly handled and many new and refreshing selling ideas are presented.

Thousands of coins, medals, tokens, notes, and collectors' accessories are offered and the collector who finds nothing to interest him in this catalogue is either through collecting or has reached a dangerous stage of indecision. A copy will be sent without charge to all members of the A.N.A. who send for it. Mailing weight about 5 ounces.

Polish Coins to Be Offered

David M. Bullowa, 37 South 18th Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa., reports that his October public auction sale will contain a remarkable selection of more than 120 rare Polish ducats and multiple ducats from the collection of a nobleman. Many of the pieces are unique and are being offered in this country for the first time. A copy of the Catalogue will be sent to any member of the A.N.A. upon request and Mr. Bullowa would appreciate receiving such requests at an early

date in order that there will be no last minute delay in mailing out the catalogues.

"SCIENCE OF COINS"

Dear Mr. Mosher:

That piece in the June issue of *The Numismatist* aroused my interest in the formation of titles from the first letter of each word in a group. That one was "Numismatist." The following is "Science of Coins" and is by yours truly:

S tudents (of Numismatics)

C ollect

I ntricate

E ngrossing

N umberless

C oins

E nergetically

O verabsorbed

F requently

C ollectors

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N umismatical

S ubjects

Yours gratefully,

— RICHARD GRIFFIN,
Chicago, Illinois

Completes Lincoln Set in One Year

Dear Sir:

I suppose the readers of this column are getting fed up with tales about finding 1909-S V.D.B. cents but I want to put in my "cents" worth.

I am a Post Office clerk and handle quite a number of cents every day, and besides I have checked no less than 200 rolls within the past nine to ten months, all to no avail.

Only a few days ago a patron came to my window for one 3-cent stamp and gave the correct change — 3 cents. One of which was the long sought 1909-S V.D.B.

That completed my set of Lincoln cents which I started a year ago this month.

— J. EUGENE WILLIAMS,
A.N.A. 14579,
Brady, Texas

Unsolicited Consignments

Dear Mr. Mosher:

Can you tell me why Club Secretaries are being flooded with sets of broken bank bills from all over the country just now! This last month I received four envelopes full of them, for me to sell to my fellow club members. Only one dealer had the grace to enclose a stamped envelope for the return of the bills or the money.

There ought to be a law!!!

MRS. D. DEE DENISE

Secretary Seattle Coin Club

Note: There is a law against this practice. Your Postmaster will gladly explain it to you. — Editor

Coin Watch Like Double Eagle

The manufacturers of the Buren watch now make a Grand Prix watch which they describe as a "coin watch" since it is in the form of an authentic U. S. \$20 gold piece. This gold piece is the St. Gaudens' design, the obverse of the coin being displayed on the reverse of the watch. It makes a highly attractive watch but isn't there some law regarding the use of U. S. coin designs in this manner?

ARLIE SLABAUGH,
ANA 8621

Official Description of the

Benjamin Franklin Half Dollar

On the obverse of the coin, in the center field, appears the portrait of Benjamin Franklin, facing to the viewer's right. Above the portrait, around the border, is the word "Liberty." Below, around the border, are the words "In God We Trust." In the lower right field is the date 1948, and directly under the portrait are the initials of the coin's designer, the late John R. Sinnock.

On the reverse of the coin, in the center field, is the Liberty Bell suspended from a beam. In the left field is the inscription "E Pluribus Unum" and in the right field is the eagle, the national emblem. Above, around the border, are the words "United States of America" and below, around the border, "Half Dollar."

On the Liberty Bell may be read partially the inscription "Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto the Inhabitants Thereof." Faintly readable also is the name of the concern, "Pass and Stow, Philada." which recast the bell after it was damaged while being tested.

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 Nebraska - O. M. CAMPBELL, 716 Keeline Bldg., Omaha 2, Nebr.
 Netherland West Indies - SAMUEL J. CURIEL, 4 Nieuwestraat, Willemstad, Curacao, N.W.I.
 New Hampshire and Vermont - DORAN A. JONES, 4 Weeks St., Plymouth, N. H.
 New York City - MAX M. SCHWARTZ, 134 W. 58 St., New York 19, N. Y.
 New York (Eastern) - WILLIS J. MCKINNEY, 62 Sycamore St., Albany 3, N. Y.
 New York (Western) - J. M. TAYLOR, 16 Covington Rd., Buffalo 16, N. Y.
 New Zealand - ALLAN SUTHERLAND, Hansard Parliament House, Wellington, New Zealand
 North Dakota - VINE D. LORD, P. O. Box 26, Cando, N. D.
 Ohio (Northern) - VERNON L. OBLISK, 874 Saxon Ave., Akron, Ohio.
 Ohio (Southern) - LU H. RIGGS, 604 Race St., Cincinnati 2, Ohio.
 Oklahoma - C. R. ROSS, Okmulgee, Okla.
 Oregon - LLOYD L. RUFF, 3105 N.E. 45th Ave., Portland 13, Oregon.
 Pennsylvania (Eastern) - ARTHUR SIPE, 4021 Bonsall Ave., Drexel Hill, Pa.
 Philippine Islands - GILBERT S. PEREZ, Bureau of Education, Manila, P. I.
 Portugal - LUIS PINTO GARCIA, Rua 5 de Outubro, 5, Castelo Branco, Portugal.
 Puerto Rico - ROBERT P. PRANN, P. O. Box 3403, San Juan 16, Puerto Rico.
 Rhode Island - HORACE M. GRANT, 109 Empire St., Providence 3, Rhode Island.
 South Carolina (Eastern) - LESENE J. WINGARD, 1010 King St., Columbia 35, S. C.
 South Carolina (Western) - GAROLD W. TAPP, P. O. Box 524, Greer, S. C.
 South Dakota - ALBERT N. HANTEN, Box 175, White Lake, S. Dak.
 Spain - F. XAVIER CALICO, Plaza del Angel, 2, Barcelona, Spain.
 Sweden - J. PEDERSEN, Skolg 24, Boras, Sweden.
 Switzerland - DR. HERBERT A. CAHN, Freiestrasse 103, Basle, Switzerland.
 Tennessee - JAMES D. MILLER, Winchester, Tenn.
 Texas (Northern) - W. A. PHILPOTT, JR., 1201 Dallas National Bank Bldg., Dallas, Texas.
 Texas (Southern) - BENJAMIN A. FEDER, 2121 Oakdale, Houston 4, Texas.
 Utah and Nevada - NORMAN SCHULTZ, Box 746, Salt Lake City 9, Utah.
 Venezuela - WILLIAM FOX STEINBERG, Apartado 284, Caracas, Venezuela.
 Virginia - HELEN G. LEWIS, 21 North Blvd., Richmond 20, Va.
 Washington (Eastern) - CHRISTIAN M. PETERSEN, Rt. 1, Box 52 A, Chehalis, Wash.
 Washington (Western) - PAUL M. FOUTS, 609 People's Bank Bldg., Seattle, Wash.
 West Virginia - DR. F. STEVENS EPPS, Box. 1066, Charleston, W. Va.
 Wisconsin - LILLARD W. CULVER, 2708 E. Hampshire St., Milwaukee 11, Wis.

REPORT OF GENERAL SECRETARY

Admission to Membership

Applicants numbered 16017-16221 as published in the June issue have been admitted to membership.

Applications for Membership

The following applications were received in June 1948. If there are no objections filed prior to September 1, 1948, these applicants will become members on that date and notice to this effect will appear in the October issue.

- 16404 Elias Novikow, 508 16th, North, Seattle 2, Washington. Russian-American. Douglas S. Bolitho, Paul Fouts, Christian Petersen.
- 16405 Jackson Mewborn, HMC, U.S.S. Hawkins (DDR 873) c/o FPO, San Francisco, California. U. S. Minor coins. Eugene D. Johnston, Frank J. Hruby.
- 16406 Miss Veta Mae Irwin, 3410 Hunter Road, R. R. No. 9, Kansas City 3, Mo. General. Lucius A. Wilcoxon, Ray O. Lefman.
- 16407 Ivan R. Greenfield, R. R. No. 2, West Alexandria, Ohio. Hard Time Tokens. Luther H. Whitt, Vernon L. Oblisk.
- 16408 Edward J. Albany, 5960 Raymond Way, Sacramento 17, California. Coins. Walter Von Ahnen, Edward Fogler.
- 16409 Troy O. Dillow, 446 N. W. 15th Street, Brownsville, Texas. General. Frank E. Norfleet, Bruce Kauffman.
- 16410 Harold J. Jones, c/o U. S. Embassy, Caracas, Venezuela. Confederate and U. S. Currency. William Fox Steinberg, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 16411 Clifton P. Huff, Jr., P.O. Box 1033, Pulaski, Va. U. S. Minor Coins. Joseph H. Davis, Helen G. Lewis.
- J-16412 Earl Josephson, 23 Sannican Drive, Trenton 8, N. J. Coins. Saul Gilman, Louis Josephson.
- 16413 Richard N. Poston, 6704 Toit Street, San Diego 11, California. American coins. Eugene D. Johnston, Ralph A. Mitchell.
- 16414 Arthur J. Vigneault, 2331 "I" Avenue, National City, California. U. S. general. Commemorative 1/2 dollars. Eugene D. Johnston, Dr. Bruce L. Wallace.
- 16415 Edgar F. Milow, 4415 Monroe Avenue, San Diego 5, California. U. S. coins. Eugene D. Johnston, Dr. Bruce L. Wallace.
- 16416 Martin Coin Club, Recreation Dept., Glenn L. Martin Co., Baltimore 3, Md., General. Joseph F. Hastry, Parker E. Monath.
- 16417 Howard H. Bibby, P. O. Box E, De Leon, Texas. U. S. general. Louis R. Goodwin, W. A. Philpott, Jr.
- 16418 Joseph G. Shafman, 151 East 96th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. U. S. general. Mack Brinkman, Max M. Schwartz.

- 16419 **William H. McKee**, 402 Duffy Street, Charleston 1, W. Va. General U. S. coins. Arque Bays, Lester Bernstein.
- 16420 **W. W. Clark**, R. F. No. 1, Parma, Michigan. U. S. coins, general. B. L. Newcomb, Harold B. Lantis
- 16421 **Muriel Shamel**, 2816 East 4th Place, Tulsa 4, Oklahoma. Foreign coins. D. D. Day, C. R. Ross, N. E. Barnett.
- 16422 **Harry R. Broll**, 15 West Chase Street, Baltimore 1, Md. U. S. and Foreign silver. John G. Antonio, Holmes H. Cessna.
- 16423 **Mrs. Hernandez A. Lamberton**, c/o Star Parking Plaza, 10th and E. Street, Washington 4, D. C. U. S. coins. Roy N. Licari, Loyd B. Gettys, Edward Fogler, J. N. Judd.
- 16424 **Lyle E. Clark**, R. F. D. No. 2, Monticello, Iowa. Colonials, Types. Burton H. Saxton, Elmer Laurent, Loyd B. Gettys, J. H. Judd, Edward Fogler.
- 16425 **Flying Eagle Coin Club**, William Ollwig, Secy., 4928 W. Florissant Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. Albert Wick, Jerome Dore, Ted. Watson.
- 16426 **Samuel Haslam**, P. O. Box 391, Huntsville, Texas. Commemorative Coins and U. S. Cents. Benjamin A. Feder, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 16427 **J. A. Smith**, 270 Dravo Avenue, Beaver, Pa. U. S. Coins. Lewis M. Reagan, Arthur Sipe.
- 16428 **Frank S. Deyoe**, P. O. Box 244, Kinderhook, N. Y. U. S. General. Lewis M. Reagan, Max M. Schwartz.
- 16429 **Edward Quigley**, 2 Harvard Street, Gloucester, Mass. General. Malcolm O. E. Chell-Frost, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 16430 **Rev. S. J. Grondziowski**, C.S.Sp., 316 West Avenue, Mt. Carmel, Pa. American Coins. Arthur Sipe, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 16431 **Roy V. Cox**, 3207 Clarence Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois. General. Loyd B. Gettys, C. David Pierce.
- 16432 **Roscoe V. Strout**, 1305 Dealfield Pl. N. W., Washington 11, D. C. U. S. General. E. A. Parker, Loyd B. Gettys.
- 16433 **William R. Lamb**, P. O. Box 810, Astoria, Oregon. Foreign Crowns. Loyd L. Ruff, Paul Christensen.
- 16434 **Ernest Couch**, 626 So. Winnetka, Dallas 11, Texas. Ancient Rome and Greek. Jack Morris, D. T. Myers, R. T. Griffith.
- 16435 **Benedetto A. Cerilli**, 363 Dyer Avenue, Cranston 9, R. I. U. S. All Series. Rev. Anselm Broburg, Pasco Cianci.
- 16436 **Reuben Karten**, 9 Empire St., Providence 3, R. I. U. S. All Series. Rev. Anselm Broburg, Pasco Cianci.
- 16437 **Donald Wrathall**, 229 Morris Avenue, Providence 6, R. I. Commemorative medals. Rev. Anselm Broburg, Pasco Cianci.
- 16438 **George Pappas**, 4444 West End Avenue, Chicago 24, Illinois. General. Ben Dreiske, Earl C. Brown.
- 16439 **David B. Trimble**, 305 E. Hazel Street, Inglewood, California. Commemorative half dollars. James Kelly, Ethel Dixon.
- 16440 **Earle P. Dickey**, 104 Third Street, Wilmette, Illinois. General. Ben Dreiske, Earl C. Brown.
- 16441 **William L. Getzen**, P. O. Box 4999, Jacksonville 1, Fla. General. Johnny Flood.
- 16442 **Alexander Kaptik**, 872 North 25th Street, Philadelphia 30, Pa. U. S. Coins. D. M. Bullock, Arthur Sipe.
- 16443 **Jerry Lester**, 1475 Broadway, New York, N. Y. American General. Sidney Watkins, Lee Simon.
- 16444 **Allison X. Cunningham**, 2061 East 36th Street, Cleveland 15, Ohio. Small Cents. Lewis M. Reagan, Elmer B. Ray.
- 16445 **Donald B. Clark**, 88 Eiseeman Avenue, Kenmore 17, New York. General. Max M. Schwartz, Edward Fogler.
- 16446 **John L. Haley**, 1615 West River Drive, Pennsauken, N. J. General. Thomas Thorpe, Walter Sabar.
- 16447 **Frank S. Kern**, 617 Hamilton Street, Lancaster, Pa. General Coins and Stamps. Samuel C. Hill, Arthur Sipe.
- 16448 **J. S. Fulcher**, c/o Carroll County Bank, Hillsville, Virginia. Currency. F. E. DeHaven, Helen G. Lewis.
- 16449 **Victor M. Pons**, P. O. Box 1, Cayey, Puerto Rico. General. Robert P. Prann, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 16450 **Henry E. Holley**, Otisville, New York. U. S. Coins. C. H. Carey, Max M. Schwartz.
- 16451 **Nathan Sherman**, 632 South Ridgeley Dr., Los Angeles 36, Calif. General. Otto J. Van Heyde, Edward Fogler.
- 16452 **Earl D. Salem**, 162 Fayette Street, Palmyra, New York. U. S. Coins. John J. Pittman, Frank E. Eichorn.
- 16453 **Norman F. Prince**, 31 Lux Street, Rochester 5, New York. U. S. and Foreign General. John J. Pittman, Frank E. Eichorn.
- 16454 **Jacques D. Sweyd**, 3310 Bronx Blvd., New York 67, N. Y. General. William H. Arthur, Fred Baum.
- 16455 **Anthony J. Morawski**, 4430 Meldrum Street, Detroit 7, Michigan. U. S. General. Adolph Smith, R. B. Holmes, George E. Maynard.
- 16456 **Warren D. Jensen**, 3012 West North Avenue, Chicago 47, Illinois. U. S. Coins. Earl C. Brown, Elmer W. Gustafson.
- 16457 **Leslie M. Frey**, 4816 Middaugh Avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois. General. Elmer W. Gustafson, H. M. Lindstrom, W. H. Allaway.
- 16458 **Z. F. Domurad**, 24 Harvest Street, Dorchester 25, Mass. General. Malcolm O. E. Chell-Frost, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 16459 **Paul Hunter, Jr.**, 2020 Lawrence Court, Alameda, California. General. Charles N. Peters, Paul P. Goda.
- 16460 **Lawrence L. Clarck**, 924 Jackson Street, Eastport, Md. U. S. General. Wm. F. Perlitz, L. W. Cockeday, Philip G. Straus.
- 16461 **Paul Swedosh**, 385 Fifth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. General. Leonard Spiegel, Nicholas Nelson.
- 16462 **William Maddison Walker**, 900 F Street, N. W., Washington 30, D. C. U. S. Coins. Milton H. Cullin, C. Shirley Leachman.

- 16463 **C. F. Kline**, 710 South Front Street, Sunbury, Pa. American and Foreign minor coins. Frank J. Katzen, Frances M. Katzen.
- 16464 **Robert J. Kissner**, 115 Helen Street, Hamden 14, Conn. Small Cents and Tokens. Frank J. Katzen, Frances M. Katzen.
- 16465 **Willard L. Peabody**, 3830 North Sixth Street, Minneapolis 12, Minn. General. Carl M. Becken, L. Brookman.
- 16466 **Robert Kacena**, 713 East Davenport Street, Iowa City, Iowa. General. C. David Pierce, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 16467 **Miss Mary Grantz**, 2521 Scott Street, San Francisco 15, California. American and European gold. E. A. Parker, Roy Hill, Edward Fogler.
- 16468 **Matthew Small Foster**, 701 Stuttards, Rissik Street, Johannes Broc. Transvaal, Union of South Africa. General. Joseph Silverman, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 16469 **John T. Bruce**, 18 Goodrich Street, Hemstead, L. I., New York. American coins. Sawyer M. Moser, A. W. Luckes.
- 16470 **George W. Airth**, 113 Maple Street, Ramsey, N. J. American General. Harry C. Mathews, Harold McCausland.
- 16471 **John A. Lachnit**, 567 Peachtree Street, N. E., Atlanta 3, Ga. General. J. J. Gonzales, G. M. Todd.
- 16472 **Frank J. Lachnit**, 968 West Peachtree Street, N. W., Atlanta, Ga. General. J. J. Gonzales, G. M. Todd.
- 16473 **Julius H. Rupert**, P. O. Box 533, Edmonds, Washington. General. Edward Flieder, Sr., Bert Wagner.
- 16474 **Ronale A. Wike**, P. O. Box 171, Fromberg, Montana. General. Mrs. George W. Wike, F. W. Stark, Jeanette Ross.
- 16475 **Joseph Tremonti**, 746 Wheelock, Detroit 9, Michigan. Currency. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 16476 **Parmelee G. Cox**, P. O. Box 311, Healdsburg, California. General. Elmer J. Sanborn, Henry T. Wrede.
- 16477 **V. D. Mayo**, 557 N. Broadway, Wichita 6, Kansas. General. C. A. Reagan, Loyd B. Gettys.
- 16478 **Aram Avakian**, 23-31 29th Street, Long Island City 5, N. Y. American coins. Adrieme Avakian.
- 16479 **Seymour E. Scott**, 7755 S. Luella Avenue, Chicago 49, Illinois. U. S. General. Frank Bennett, Jack Goodall.
- 16480 **G. E. Pope**, P. O. Box 164, Richmond, Que., Canada. General. C. C. Blair, G. M. Alexander.
- 16481 **Robert W. Anderson**, 22 Clark Street, Vestal, New York. U. S. Curious, Scandinavian, Early American Paper. Mrs. G. W. Anderson.
- 16482 **Kip Ross**, 3100 Conn. Avenue, Washington 8, D. C. General. Helen G. Lewis, C. Shirley Leachman.
- 16483 **Mrs. Blanch D. Howard**, 3107 Barbara Court, Hollywood 28, California. U. S. Silver Dollars. S. M. Koeppe, A. Kosoff.
- 16484 **Percy E. Marvin**, 165 Grove Street, East Stroudsburg, Pa. U. S. Minor Coins. Hubert Yutz, Edward Fogler.
- 16485 **Charles M. Goforth, Jr.**, 1301 North Broad Street, Rome, Georgia. General. A. F. Gibson, J. J. Gonzales.
- 16486 **Major Edward A. Hawkins**, Box 1372, Area B., Wright Field, Ohio. General. Lewis M. Reagan, Vernon L. Oblisk.
- 16487 **George W. Luce**, 22071 Foothill Blvd., Hayward, California. General. Lewis M. Reagan, Burton H. Saxton.
- 16488 **A. C. Shearer**, 175 Clinton Street, Greenville, Pa. U. S. General. Earl L. Keck, Frank L. Ferguson.
- 16489 **Francis E. Fowler, Jr.**, 288 N. Saltair Avenue, Los Angeles 24, California. American gold coins. J. J. Goldberg, Al. Wick, William P. Holzmark.
- 16490 **Herbert L. Borgzinner**, 975 Park Avenue, New York 28, N. Y. U. S. Coins. Dr. Robert E. Rothenberg, Ralph K. Hayman.
- 16491 **Arthur W. Cook**, 110 E. Circular Street, Lima, Ohio. Commemorative coins. Robert F. Wilson, Aldine E. Kohli, Elmer B. Ray.
- 16492 **Samuel L. Ephraim**, 905-7 Westminster Street, Providence 3, R. I. General - Lincoln Medals. Jesse Klein, Malcolm Chell-Frost.
- 16493 **Orrin Draver**, 444 So. 9th Street, Richmond, Indiana. General. Luther H. Whitt, C. T. Shelby.
- 16494 **Edward B. Mitchell**, 811 Lee Street, Danville, Virginia. Large U. S. cents. General. John H. Hansan, Helen G. Lewis.
- 16495 **Thomas M. Reardon**, 320 W. 25th Street, Sioux Falls, So. Dak. General. Lester Heinsheimer.
- 16496 **Larry Brown**, 960 Paxton Rd., Cleveland 8, Ohio. U. S. Coins. Hy. Brown, Yade Gittelson.
- 16497 **J. E. Griffin**, 38 Orlando Ct., W. Jacksonville, Fla. General. Harold Colee, H. Cohen, Arthur M. Greene, Johnny Flood.
- 16498 **Juan Valenti Baules**, c/o X & F Calico, Plaza del Angel, Barcelona, Spain. General. F. Xavier Calico, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 16499 **Dr. Felipe Mateu, Y. Llopis**, c/o X & F. Calico, Plaza del Angel, Barcelona, Spain. F. Xavier Calico, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 16500 **James E. Lindston**, 1711 30th Avenue, West, Seattle 99, Washington. U. S. Coins. Clyde H. Belanger, Paul Fouts, Christian Peterson.
- 16501 **Russell L. Peck**, 311 Conestoga Road, Wayne, Pa. General. John B. Boss, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 16502 **Stanley G. Petrak**, 1723 Grand Avenue, Racine, Wis. American coins. R. S. Yeoman, Chester Greb, Louis Wilczywski.
- 16503 **Lester C. Stahr**, 1637 College Avenue, Racine, Wis. General American. R. S. Yeoman, H. C. Woelker.
- 16504 **John E. Ciboci**, 1619 Douglas Avenue, Racine, Wis. U. S. General. H. C. Woelker, R. S. Yeoman.
- 16505 **Walter F. Barnes**, 3 Acorn Avenue, Hampton, Virginia. Old Coins and Paper Money. Helen G. Lewis, B. M. Seneca, Jr., E. B. Dashill.
- 16506 **George A. Wilbur**, 2015 West State, Milwaukee 3, Wis. General. Charles C. Carroll, Lillard W. Culver.

- 16507 **Mr. Jean-Mathieu Cantin**, 494 St. Francis Street, Quebec, P. Q., Canada. General. Norman B. Mason, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 16508 **Gordon R. Melgren**, 238 E. Whiting Avenue, Fullerton, California. American coins. Charles L. Ruby, Herbert M. Bergen, Joe Steele.
- 16509 **Horst Von Wolfersdorff**, Hardenbergstr. 50, Leipzig, (Saxe) Germany. General. H. A. Cahn.
- 16510 **George A. Houston**, 2 Nightingale Court, Lawrence, Mass. General. Lewis M. Reagan, Malcolm E. O. Chell-Frost.
- 16511 **Harry Stupsker**, 516 Junction Avenue, Toledo 7, Ohio. U. S. General. Sherwood Henderson, Elsor Heater.
- 16512 **Percival W. Taverner**, Box 1025, Terryville, Conn. U. S. Coins. James F. Plynny, Walter J. O'Razo.
- 16513 **Mitchell A. Tatro, Jr.**, 84 Auburn Street, Pawtucket, R. I. U. S. General. Horace M. Grant, Wilna B. Mackintosh.
- 16514 **J. J. Kellogg**, 3302 Ernst Street, Omaha, Nebraska. General. L. A. Hensley, H. A. Harden.
- 16515 **A. J. Croshier**, 4384 West 146th Street, Cleveland 11, Ohio. Early American coins. Dr. Y. A. Sargis, Vernon L. Oblisk.
- 16516 **Mrs. Dorothy M. Croshier**, 4384 West 146th Street, Cleveland 11, Ohio. Foreign coins. Dr. Y. A. Sargis, Vernon L. Oblisk.
- 16517 **Ralph Crabtree**, c/o American National Bank of Oak Cliff, Dallas 8, Texas. U. S. Silver dollars. Richard M. Hosler, William A. Philpott, Jr.
- 16518 **Dr. Warren C. Jones**, 464 Broad Street, Forest, Miss. U. S. General. W. D. McCrawly, P. N. Brown.
- 16519 **Raymond J. Ippolite**, 12 East 97th Street, New York 29, N. Y. U. S. and Foreign coins. J. C. Cheles, George E. Childs.
- 16520 **Louis Krewer**, Box 695, Closter, New Jersey. U. S. coins. Lewis M. Reagan, Max M. Schwartz.
- 16521 **Stanley Smiley**, 3449 N. Laramie, Chicago 41, Illinois. Old Coins. Charles Muller, Earl C. Brown.
- 16522 **A. C. Moore**, P. O. Box 561, Coffeyville, Kansas. Small U. S. Coins. Ray R. Biswell, C. R. Ross.
- 16523 **Frederick M. Jacobs**, 5961 Hayes Avenue, Los Angeles 42, California. General. Adolph Larson, Jr., Edward Fogler.
- 16524 **Harold Kirsch**, Hornick, Iowa. Small Cents. James B. Clift, A. A. Dalperdang.
- 16525 **Mrs. Henry E. Graft**, 1006 West Lyndale, Austin, Minnesota. General. Elias Rasmussen, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 16526 **Alfred J. Stewart**, 447 Potrero Avenue, San Francisco 10, California. Crowns of the World. E. A. Parker, Bruno W. Crossfield, Erich Werling, Franklin D. Yoder.
- 16527 **Ernest L. Hefley**, 2015 Mabert Road, Portsmouth, Ohio. Commemorative half dollars. A. F. McCrory, Vernon L. Oblisk.
- 16528 Application not complete.
- 16529 **George L. Lee, Jr.**, Dunleith - Mine Mount, Bernardsville, N. J. Old English Coppers. Foreign Silver Crowns. A. E. Beebe, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 16530 **Henry Gilman**, 1817 Bronson Avenue, Los Angeles 6, California. General - Mint defects. Counterfeit U. S. V. E. Jenkins, Mrs. Doris Yocom.
- 16531 **Asher B. Strong, Sr.**, 68 Neal Avenue, Dayton 5, Ohio. U. S. Coins. Luther H. Whitt, Vernon L. Oblisk.
- 16532 **Gustave Seelig**, 57-17 103 Street, Corona, L. I., New York. U. S. Coins. Carl Curcio, J. W. Bernstein.
- 16533 **Jack D. Stanton**, 928 West 8th Place, Los Angeles 14, California. U. S. Coins. Del Poizner, Edward Fogler.
- 16534 **Eugene Rhem Cook**, 818 Cayuga, Santa Cruz, California. U. S. General. C. F. Skillman, Edward Fogler, E. A. Parker.
- 16535 **George L. Carlson**, Route No. 2, Box 1632, Santa Cruz, California. U. S. General. C. Fred Skillman, Edward Fogler, E. A. Parker.
- 16536 **J. S. Hoffman**, 528 N. New, Bethlehem, Pa. General. Kenneth Lobb, Harold N. Shepherd, Edward Fogler.
- 16537 **Richard L. Crump**, 6703 Kenwood Street, Dallas, Texas. Gold Coins. Ernest Couch, W. A. Philpott, Jr., Edward Fogler.
- 16538 **George E. Heuser**, 4007 Maybelle Avenue, Oakland 2, California. General. Robert G. McArthur, Edward Fogler, E. A. Parker.
- 16539 **Gilbert A. Nichols**, 540 Ocean View Avenue, Santa Cruz, California. U. S. and English coins. Fred Skillman, Edward Fogler, C. A. Parker.
- 16540 **Elmer M. Anderson**, 309 Raymond Street, Santa Cruz, California. U. S. General. Fred Skillman, Edward Fogler, E. A. Parker.
- 16541 **Robert L. Davidson**, 3756 Milan Drive, San Diego 7, California. U. S. General. Ed. C. Miller, Ted Saleebey.
- 16542 **Rudolph H. Miller**, 5709 30th Avenue, Hyattsville, Md. U. S. Coins. A. Hepner, Holmes H. Cessna.
- 16543 **Harry A. Rothwell**, 3536 T. Street, N.W., Washington 7, D. C. U. S. Minor and Old Latin America coins. C. Shirley Leachman.
- 16544 **Mrs. J. H. Warner**, 3036 N.W. 30th Street, Miami 37, Fla. Old American Coins. B. R. Richard, Jr., John H. Flood.
- 16545 **Harry M. Mohler**, 526 Corey Avenue, St. Petersburg Beach, Fla. General. John H. Flood, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 16546 **Chattanooga Coin Club**, 208 Med. Arts Bldg., Chattanooga 3, Tenn. Ann E. McNab, E. R. Anderson, J. S. Martin, Philip Thurman.
- 16547 **Harold M. Fowler**, 620 North Broadway, Pittsburg, Kansas. Coins. C. B. Edwards, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 16548 **Ray L. Finley**, 631 N. Broad Street, Lancaster, Ohio. General. Ron L. Woolard, Venon L. Oblisk.
- 16549 **Anita LaPierre**, 325 W. 45th Street, New York 19, N. Y. General. John H. Flood, "Cap" Elliott, Max M. Schwartz.
- 16550 **Harold E. Spear**, 407 Bellevue, La Junta, Colorado. U. S. General. A. C. Overton, Philip W. Whiteley.

- 16551 **Dr. Joe H. Seay**, Holland, Ky. U. S. General. William Poizner, Richard A. Webb.
- 16552 **Laurence K. Buckner**, 608 W. Malone Street, Hanford, California. U. S. Coins. Fred E. Tinkham, Merrill Cole, M. Forest Speck.
- 16553 **Elmer E. Wolf**, 1235 Highland St., Columbus 1, Ohio. U. S. Coins. Mel Geiger, Sibyl Wooten.
- 16554 **Don F. Lammers**, St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Iowa. U. S. Mint sets. Edward M. Catich, C. A. McGivern, A. L. Conrad.
- 16555 **Vernon Hitchins**, c/o State Street Trust Co., 53 State Street, Boston 1, Mass. U. S. Coins. Malcolm Chell-Frost, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 16556 **Ben Adams**, P. O. Box 9, Upland, California. Current American. Fred E. Draper, Willard H. Connor.
- 16557 **Dr. Jesse D. Rising**, 814 Professional Building, Kansas City 6, Mo. General. J. S. Hawkins, O. S. Gilliland.
- 16558 **J. Paul Ellis**, 1124 Cotton Exchange Bldg., Memphis 3, Tenn. U. S. General and Foreign Crowns. T. H. Durham, Sr., P. B. Trotter, Jr., B. F. Joyner.
- 16559 **Mrs. Helen G. Budwitz**, 167 Johnson Avenue, Meriden, Conn. U. S. General. Oscar G. Schilke, Adrian C. Olson.
- 16560 **Albin W. Stepule**, 82 Madison Street, Hartford 6, Conn. Minor U. S. Coins. Oscar G. Schilke, Adrian C. Olson.
- 16561 **Miss Rose Ford**, 197 Cook Avenue, Meriden, Conn. General. Oscar G. Schilke, Alfred B. Aubrey, Carl Ruffeth.
- 16562 **J. L. Dixon**, 606 Stokeswood Avenue, S.E., Atlanta, Ga. General. C. F. Clarke, Robert Dubray.
- 16563 **Robert Solomon**, 30 West Houston Street, New York 12, N. Y. General. Edward J. Siegel, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 16564 **Mrs. Effie R. Russell**, Box 95, Jacksonville Beach, Fla. General. Johnny Flood, H. R. Honeycutt.
- 16565 **Charles M. Lundquist**, 6210 Prospect Street, Dallas, Texas. U. S. Coins, Indian Head Pennies. Gordon Gruber, W. A. Philpott, Jr.
- 16566 **Fred M. Bushnell, Jr.**, 16 Ivan Avenue, Riverside 15, R. I. General. Horace M. Grant, Wilna B. Mackintosh.
- 16567 **Paul F. Dietz**, 4738 Catalina, Kansas City 3, Kansas. American Coins. John F. Hansan, Charles A. Stump.
- 16568 **Knowlton E. Carson**, 328 Brotherhood Bldg., Kansas City 11, Kansas. General. John L. Dooley, C. B. Edwards.
- 16569 **Dr. Fred H. Schramm**, 691 East 22nd Street, Brooklyn 10, N. Y. U. S. General. Max M. Schwartz, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 16570 **Earl L. Simpson**, 318 No. Avers Avenue, Chicago 24, Illinois. U. S. General. Earl C. Brown, Loyd B. Gettys.
- 16571 **Hollis E. Higgins**, 95-B, Center Street, Bangor, Maine. English coins. Ernest J. Asselyn, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 16572 **Tom Mason**, 1201 East 22nd Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming. General. Lewis M. Reagan, T. R. Hammer.
- 16573 **Paul Czubaj**, 2333 30. 6th Street, Milwaukee 7, Wis. General. Charley Palbicke, Lillard W. Culver.

The following have been reinstated

- 3855 **Charles M. Hines**, 4447 Marlborough, San Diego 4, California.
- 10636 **Scott Mackay**, 2115 Burdett Avenue, Troy, N. Y.
- 6891 **Leo P. Rich**, 7th & Ferry Street, Elizabeth, Pa.
- 4661 **R. F. Willingham**, 306 Sterling Apt., Nashville, Tenn.

Deceased

- 13944 **J. F. Armstrong**, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 140 **Thomas Elder**, Pleasantville, New York.
- 9556 **Valdimir E. Lemon**, New York, N. Y.
- 11527 **Gerard Marcoux**, Quebec, Canada.
- 12335 **John M. Richardson**, Stratford, Conn.

REPORTS OF CLUB MEETINGS

SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE: Reports should be made promptly. Copy must be received by the 10th of the month to insure insertion in the following month's issue. As a usual thing a copy of the minutes is sent in, and almost invariably a number of items of local concern only must be cancelled. The justification for publishing these accounts lies in the numismatic information — and encouragement — to be derived by collectors generally, regardless of location. On this basis we feel it advisable to revise and condense, and, incidentally, the by-product of this course is conservation of valuable space.

ALBANY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — The 220th meeting was called to order by President E. W. Corrie at the Albany Institute of History and Art on Thursday, May 27th. Eighteen members and two guests were present.

Mr. Gratton reported that there were 53 members and guests present at our very successful annual banquet which was held on May 15th at O'Connors in Albany.

The applications of William H. Skinner and

Robert G. Wells, both of Albany, were turned over to Dr. Robertson, Chairman of the Admissions Committee, for action at our next meeting.

The feature of the evening was a very interesting paper read and prepared by J. E. Gratton on "German Porcelain Money." Mr. Gratton and Dr. Robertson brought in porcelain coins from their own collections as an exhibit. — ANNA M. IMFELD, Secretary

BALTIMORE COIN CLUB—The regular meeting was called to order on Thursday June 17 at the Peale Museum by Vice President Charles W. Hass with 22 members and 3 guests present, Messrs. Thomas A. Fisher, Russel J. Fields, and Clark R. Long, Assistant Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Mr. Straus suggested that the club purchase the first 6 volumes of the Numismatist. The secretary was then instructed to place an order for them.

Vice President Hass then introduced our principal speaker for the evening, Clark R. Long, Assistant Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Mr. Long in his talk stated that before any paper currency is made, a model is first made of it and then approved. The model is not done by one engraver, but by 4 or 5, each man doing a separate job such as one man doing square letter work, one working on the script, another doing the portrait which requires 3 to 4 months work alone on this. Other engravers work on other various parts of the notes. After it has been approved it is then ready to be sent to the engravers to start work on engraving the approved design. After the design is engraved on steel, it is then hardened and a soft steel roller is then rolled over this. The roller is then hardened and used to make the master plates. After the steel master plate is made, electrotype plates are made from this which are chromed. About 95% of currency is made by this process and 5% by steel plate process.

The manufacture of paper is a highly technical process which is checked continuously from the time it goes over the screen in manufacture until it reaches the bureau where it is charged to them at face value before any printing is done on it. This is done in order to keep any of it from being lost.

Currency is printed on wet paper with about 30% moisture, then allowed to mellow about 3 or 4 days before printing. After this it then goes to the press for printing which is operated by 2 girls and a printer who regulates the flow of ink and makes adjustments. The wet paper is fed in the press manually. The front of the notes are printed more carefully than the back because of the portrait. Large margins are left on the edge of the sheets for easy handling. They are then taken to the examining room where imperfect sheets are taken out. The notes are then trimmed by guide marks that are in the middle of the sheet, lengthwise first and sideways next, then examined for imperfections in cutting, numbers, signatures and seal, etc. Should any imperfect notes be taken out, star notes are put in their place.

The balcony which has recently been added to the White House in Washington will soon appear on the \$20 bills in the near future. Mr. Long told the club that work on this was now in progress at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Mr. Long's talk and exhibit was most enjoyed by everyone present. The members present also enjoyed the many questions that Mr. Long answered for them.

—ELMER A. SCHMIDT, Secretary

BAY CITIES COIN CLUB—The 51st regular meeting was held Wednesday evening, June 9th, at the home of Dr. Kaffesieder. The meeting opened by President Harry Davidson. 13 members and 3 visitors present. Dr. Emmons and Stewart Bingham of the California State Numismatic Association were present and discussed plans for the coming state convention to be held Oct. 9th and 10th at Santa Monica.

The Club created a committee to render aid and carry on the plans of the State Convention. This committee consists of A. Austin,

Chairman, J. G. Miladin, Co-Chairman, Dr. O. K. Grier, K. M. Brainard, R. J. Heller, A. Kosoff and S. J. Kabealo.

—BEN SCHWARTZ, Secretary

BIRMINGHAM COIN CLUB—Our 41st regular meeting was held June 15 in the auditorium of the White Dairy. There were 13 members and 2 visitors present. The visitors were Joe Plosser and 6 weeks old Elezabeth Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Harris, both members of our Club. Elezabeth is the youngest person ever to visit our Club. The door prize, \$1.00 donated by Mr. Marvin Acton, was won by Curtis Harris. Our program was Gold as a Metal, brought to us by J. H. Morris and A. H. Mergenthaler.

Mr. Mergenthaler also told of attending Stack's May Auction Sale in New York and of the fine way in which the sale was handled. Exhibits were: J. H. Morris: 1898—\$20.00, Three Per Cent Government Bond of the Spanish American War, with 80—15c Coupons still attached. O. B. Hudson: Hawaii 1c, Dime, and ¼ Dollar. 56 ½ size foreign coins all different. A. H. Mergenthaler: 1799 \$1.00 silver, very fine.

—J. C. FAULKNER, Secretary

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—The 787th meeting was held at the Lenox Hotel, May 18, with President Schuhmacher presiding. There were 21 members and 2 guests present. We shall resume our monthly meetings in September.

Elected to membership were—Mrs. Anne M. Conn, Frank Howard and Lea Shippen Luquer. There was one application for membership.

Boston awaits eagerly our fellow-numismatists, families and friends at the ANA Convention. Our plans are well-defined and the excellence of numismatic material will not be found wanting.

Our Society is indebted to member Jesse Klein for his well-rounded discussion on the interesting subject of California Gold at this meeting, and his superb and enormous collection proved excellent fare for a well-spent evening.

Other exhibits: Mr. Whiteneck: Electrotypes 1809 large cent, 1831, 1836 and 1849 small date ½c.

Mr. Hersh: 7 Roman denarii and bronze coins—Marcus Antonius, Plantilla, Maximus, Decentius, Maxentius, Hostilianus and Flavius Victor.

Mr. Jones: Hazeline No. 23 ½ dollar, exceedingly rare variety with leaves under eagle wing.

Mr. Lowenstam: Egypt, 2nd Bronze of Cleopatra III.

Mrs. Pond: Brunswick-Luneburg George Quintuple Taler 1638.

Mr. Luquer: 1 set Maundy Pence, 1932. 1 "Milk Cap" Tax Token, Missouri, 1 mill.

Mr. Tuttle: Philippine, 1 Peso Pieces, 1897, 1906 and 1908; Comm. set 1936, Gen. MacArthur set, 1947; Leper Colony 1 Peso, 1922. New Zealand 1 Crown, Comm. Treaty of Waitangi, 1935.

—MRS. SHEPARD POND, Secretary

BRONX COIN CLUB—The 178th meeting was held June 23rd at the Concourse Plaza Hotel with twenty-three members and five guests in attendance. President Clark presided and welcomed the guests and those members who have not attended for a long time.

The secretary reported that the plastic slides which were to have been exhibited at the September meeting in accordance with the resolution passed at the May meeting had instead been delivered to one of our members. Inasmuch as they were in New York a promise was made to exhibit them at the June meeting. However, the key to the box did not fit and the promise could not be kept.

Topics for the meeting were the U. S. quarter dollars from 1916 to date, coins of Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and the Netherlands and its colonies, medals and decorations of countries beginning with the letters C, D and E, except German states, and U. S. political shells and ferrotypes. Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Armstrong: Coins and tokens of New Brunswick under Queen Victoria.

Mr. Bellus: Type set of the Netherlands dated 1898.

Mr. Blake: 22 Chinese silver coins of dime and twenty cent size.

Mr. Carpenter: Khedive's Sudan medal with five bars; large silver medal of General MacArthur struck by Medallic Art Company.

Mr. Clark: Eleven coins and eight tokens of Nova Scotia and twenty coins of Newfoundland.

Mr. Erlanger: Teutonic order taler of 1625 struck at Nuremberg, Regensburg taler of 1754 and Wurtzburg talers of 1764 and 1765.

Mr. Feldman: \$4 note of Dominion of Canada, \$2 note of U. S. issued in 1862, \$1 silver certificate with dropped numeral.

Mr. Gallo: 18 hard times tokens in choice condition.

Mr. Girolamo: 100 coins of the Netherlands, 36 coins of Newfoundland, 12 coins of Nova Scotia.

Mr. Grunthal: 50 stuiver piece of 1808 of Louis Napoleon, chocolate medal commemorating the golden jubilee of City of New York.

Mr. Kenn: Standing liberty quarters from 1917 to 1930.

Mr. Knoth: Several uncirculated standing liberty quarters, political medals.

Mr. Kortjohn: Complete set of quarters 1916 to 1947, all mints, nearly all uncirculated.

Mr. Kraus: Two mohur gold piece of Nepal dated 1919, 1948 crown of South Africa with inscription Georgius Sextus Rex, Czechoslovakian 100 korun and 50 korun coins of 1948, two and one kronur coins of Republic of Iceland.

Mr. May: Collection of Japanese historical medals mostly of the Showa era.

Mr. Novick: Set of standing liberty quarters and Washington quarters; paper currency for use only by Wehrmacht stamped for use in Greece.

Mr. Rice: Incomplete sets of standing liberty and Washington quarters; large medal of Secretary of Treasury John W. Snyder.

Mr. Ruditsky: Eleven Czechoslovak military medals, three Egyptian of the Khedive, two Japanese for Chinese and Manchurian incidents.

Mr. Schaefer: Incomplete set of standing liberty quarters, complete set of Washington quarters, Roosevelt memorial medal from Holland.

Mr. Schwartz: Collection of ferrotypes, shells, bakelite and wooden political tokens of Clay, Taylor, Polk, Lincoln, Douglas, Bell, Breckenridge, McClellan, Grant, Seymour and Greeley.

Mr. Seeman: Quarters from 1916 to 1946.

Mr. Shab: Ten pieces of German notgeld, tetradrachm of Ptolemy I.

Mr. Smith: 1796 liberty cap large cent.

Mr. van der Meer: Ten medals of the Netherlands pertaining to the Canadian army, struck in the Netherlands.

Mr. Von Sandro: 23 uncirculated liberty seated quarters, five and ten gulden in gold of the Netherlands, nine Russian gold coins of Elizabeth from one-half to ten roubles.

Mr. Wagner: Twelve decorations from Canada, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, Bulgaria and Norway.

— MARTIN F. KORTJOHN, Secretary

BUFFALO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

— The 443rd meeting was held on June 14th at the Central Y.M.C.A. Building, President Howard Myers presiding. There were sixteen members present.

The 1948 Club Tokens were distributed to all members present.

Final arrangements for the joint meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association and the Buffalo Numismatic Association at Batavia were discussed and agreed upon.

John M. Wale and R. M. Johnson were accepted as new members.

The Scrapbook of the activities of the A.N.A. Convention in Buffalo in August, 1947, compiled by Howard Myers, was presented to the club for its library. A motion was made and seconded that a rising vote of thanks be extended to President Myers for his efforts in putting together such a fine book.

Dr. Wild reported on the possibilities of the club meeting twice a month as discussed by the Executive Board.

— HAROLD W. HOOPLE, Secretary

CHAUTAUQUA COIN, STAMP & CURIO CLUB

— The 398th meeting held May 26th at Hotel Jamestown. Thirty members were present and President Payne occupied the chair.

The speaker of the evening was Robert P. King of Erie, Pa. He gave an interesting talk and exhibited a remarkable collection of spoons.

— MRS. ALICE M. KUNZOG, Secretary

CHAUTAUQUA COIN, STAMP, AND CURIO CLUB

— The 400th meeting was held at the Hotel Jamestown, June 23, with 27 members and guests present.

A letter was read from D. F. Lybarger thanking our members for their kindness in presenting him with a life membership in the Club.

David Crossett of Warren, Pa., was elected a member.

The entertainment consisted of 30 minutes of magic by Lester Stoyke.

— C. R. SAMPSON, Secretary pro tem

CHICAGO COIN CLUB — The 353rd meeting was held July 7, in the Assembly and Conference Room of the Civic Opera Building, 20 N. Wacker Drive, President I. T. Kopicki presiding. There were 68 members and guests present.

John M. Lostutter was elected to Resident membership.

Mr. Sheldon advised the membership of Geo. Blake's declination of the nomination for A.N.A. Treasurer, and made a motion that the Club's secretary write Mr. Blake a letter of appreciation for his many years of loyal service. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Mr. Sheldon also spoke of the excellent educational program being arranged for the Boston Convention. This program will deal especially with U. S. Colonial currency and the classical ancient coins. He feels that this will be the beginning of greater emphasis on educational work in the Association.

Mr. Rockert, a visitor from Little Rock, Arkansas, spoke briefly of the formation of a new organization, to be known as Arkansas Numismatic Association. There are already some 40 members and meetings are to be held in various cities in the state from time to time.

Mr. Sheldon recommended that the Club undertake compilation of a numismatic history of Illinois. He suggested that a special committee be appointed, with some changes in membership from time to time so as to get the help of specialists in various fields. Since it is a big undertaking, he suggested that parts of the history be published in Club year books until the entire history is completed, when it should be published in full. Favorable comments and promises of action on the suggestion were made by President Kopicki and Messrs. M. A. Powills and Lee Hewitt.

— GLENN B. SMEDLEY, Secretary

CINCINNATI NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION — The regular monthly meeting held June 25, at the Hotel Gibson, with President Riggs in the chair. There were 26 members and 2 guests present.

Applications of Patrick A. Fee and Frank H. Chisman, having been approved by the Board were approved by the members.

The "Attendance Prize" was won by Lewis and the "Pot O' Gold" by Lewetch. Henry Banner, the previous winner of the "Pot" was required to give a short talk on some numismatic subject, and read a part of an article from a Numismatist suggesting a medal be struck for the President of our Club to wear. After a brief discussion, President Riggs appointed a committee of Banner, Lewis and Parvin to investigate and make recommendations.

Exhibits for the month were:

Stevens: Complete set of Mercury dimes, from circulation, in a plastic holder.

Banner: Coin history of the 32 Presidents of U. S. and an 1854 uncirculated \$3.00 gold piece.

Gerhardt: Set of Arkansas Commemorative half dollars.

Ault: Two Louisiana Purchase gold dollars of 1902 in the original box.

Howe: Complete set of Lincoln cents.

Lewetch: 1883 nickel gold plated.

Lewis: 1919 Alabama commemorative.

Riggs: California Gold Discovery Centennial medallion in Gold Plate and Goldline.

Hatfield: Canadian 20c pieces and quarters. Chisman, Sr.: Various \$1.00 and \$2.00 large bills.

Parvin: Complete set of Indian head cents 1857 to 1909s.

Stiles: 1937d Three legged Buffalo nickel. Reardon: Philippine, Chinese and U. S. coins. — **GEORGE D. PARVIN**, Secretary

CLEVELAND COIN CLUB — The 102nd meeting held June 2 at the Hotel Carter with Dr. Sargis presiding.

Among the exhibits of the evening were the following: Type set U. S. quarter dollars from 1796 to 1932. Complete set U. S. half dollars from 1794 to 1948, including the new Franklin half dollar. Oak tree shilling. Two reales of Charles and Johanna. Castorland "half dollars" in bronze, copper, and pewter. Five satirical medals of Germany, 1914 to 1917.

An interesting talk on gold coinage was given by Matt Gazo.

Dr. Sargis gave an interesting talk on the history and coins of Philip I and Philip II of Rome, and supplemented his talk with a fine collection of coins of that period.

— **L. M. CADDY**, Secretary

COLUMBUS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — The 198th meeting held at the Neil House with 19 members and two guests present.

The day being Flag Day, coins and currency with flags as part of the design were featured.

Mr. Andrews: U. S. and foreign currency showing flags.

Mr. Abbott: Foreign coins showing flags.

Mr. Kern: Civil War "cents" showing flags. Sesqui-Centennial medal showing the Liberty bell as on the new Franklin half dollar. He also exhibited quarter eagles and a miniature pistol of Austrian make.

Manipulation of the market to raise coin prices was discussed and it was pretty well agreed that such practice was being done, and doing much eventual harm to the hobby as a whole.

A numismatic quiz was held.

Two new members were admitted.

A picnic will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark on July 17th.

— **MEL GEIGER**, Publicity Chairman

DALLAS COIN CLUB — On Thursday, June 17, 1948, the Dallas Coin Club held its 243rd meeting in the Texas Room of the Baker Hotel with 26 members and 6 visitors present.

The meeting was called to order by the president, R. M. Hosler. Mr. Hosler announced that this would be a gala occasion for the Dallas Coin Club, for the speaker of the evening was none other than the President of the American Numismatic Association, Lloyd B. Gettys of Davenport, Iowa.

Mr. Gettys, whose personality quickly won him the attention of every one present, made a most entertaining and inspiring talk, in which he defined the purpose, and aims of the A.N.A. The many projects to promote the growth of the organization, and to aid the science of numismatics in general were outlined by the A.N.A. president. A fine representative collection was displayed by the speaker to illustrate his talk.

Prior to the meeting, W. A. Philpott, Jr., had formed a welcoming committee to greet Mr. Gettys and to personally introduce him to each member and visitor present.

After much applause and expressions of appreciation to Mr. Gettys for the inspiration afforded the Dallas Coin Club by his visit, the meeting was adjourned.

— **ERNEST COUCH**, Secretary

DETROIT COIN CLUB — The 514th meeting was held May 20 at the Abington Hotel with 22 members and guests present. Vice President Bartz conducted the meeting.

Dr. Tear was admitted to membership.

Application for membership was received from F. Trumphy.

Communications were read and after business matters were cleared up the members spent an enjoyable session discussing and viewing the exhibits.

— **R. BART HOLMES**, Secretary

EAST BAY JUNIOR COIN COLLECTORS

— The second meeting of this new group was held at the Oakland Y.M.C.A. on May 28th, and, judging from the discussions and the decisions resulting from them, much that was worthwhile was accomplished.

It was decided to meet on the last Friday of each month, and temporary officers were named as follows: Chairman, Bill Walton, Vice Chairman, Cleve Beck, Secretary, Lynn White, Treasurer, Glenn Burkhardt. Dues were discussed, and it was decided to set them at 25c per month. Interest was evidenced to promote the word of coin collecting in the Oakland schools, so next school term will see this done.

Everyone present had a display, and each one told of what they brought. Exhibits were by Lynn White, Bill Walton, Cleve Beck, Glenn Burkhardt, Robert Bengston, John Kerwin, Elwood Ellinger, J. R. Roger and Roy Hill.

The next meetings will be July 30th and Sept. 24th, so any collectors in the Metropolitan Oakland area are welcome, as are all other coin collectors.

— **ROY HILL**, Secretary pro tem

HANFORD (CALIFORNIA) COIN CLUB

— The regular July meeting was held in the Women's Club House, 605 N. Douty Street, Hanford, on July 6th. Adam and Viola Serpa were host and hostess. Meeting convened at 8:00 p.m., President Obie Phipps presiding. Ten members and eight guests were present. Lawton Ripsom brought as his guest Leonard Thomas, who became our latest new member. The attendance prize was won by Forrest Speck, who will be host to our club at his home on Mary Street on Tuesday, August Third. In the absence of our regular auctioneer, Lawton Ripsom ably filled the posi-

tion. Following the auction refreshments were served.

— FRED E. TINKHAM, Secretary

HEART OF AMERICA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — The 167th regular meeting held at the Hotel Bellerive June 21 with President Higgins in the Chair and 25 members and guests present.

Applications for membership were received from Ray O. Lefman and Bob Sperry.

Meetings will be discontinued during July and August.

— JOHN H. HANSAN, Secretary

KANAWHA VALLEY COIN CLUB — Regular meeting held June 21 at the Virginia Street Temple, Charleston, W. Va. Dr. F. S. Epps conducted the meeting.

Exhibits:

H. K. White: Set Booker T. Washington half dollars.

M. W. Maret: U. S. minor coins up to half dollars. Commemorative half dollars.

Dr. F. S. Epps: Canadian coins showing small maple leaf, 1947.

Three applications for membership were received and accepted.

Two applications were received and passed along to the committee.

M. E. Mills showed a motion picture of New England which gave us a good idea what to expect when we attend the A.N.A. Convention in Boston August 21-25.

The door prize, a roll of aluminum foil donated by A. Bays, was won by M. E. Mills.

— EARLE P. SMITH, JR., Secretary

LEHIGH VALLEY COIN CLUB — The 103rd meeting was held at Mr. Sleep's Cottage, along the Delaware River, Slateford, Pa., June 17, with 36 members and guests present. The meeting was called to order by the Pres. H. N. Shepherd.

Five new members were received into the membership of the Club.

Visitors and guests were introduced to the Club.

The Banquet Committee reported progress and will give a full report at the September meeting.

Mr. Chiappa won the Door Prize of the evening.

The Mint report was read by the Secretary. Mr. Taylor, Jr., spoke in regards to the Monroe County Coin Club.

The September meeting of the Club will be held in Easton, Pa. The place of the meeting will be announced later.

Motion made and seconded that the Men give Mr. Sleep a vote of thanks for the use of his cottage for our meeting place.

A Dutch Lunch and Refreshments were served and a very good time was had by all and this meeting was the last for the Summer and will meet again in September.

— K. LOBB, Secretary

LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB — An attendance of 26 members and guests were present at the 244th regular meeting of the club, held at the new meeting place located at 1329 S. Hope Street. A commodious lodge room of the Independent Order of Foresters, fitted with display tables, will be in use by the club for the balance of this year.

Among other matters of business was considered a tentative plan open to members to fly to the forthcoming A.N.A. convention in Boston; also a letter from the association calling for papers to be presented at the convention. The matter of club auctions was also under discussion and President Kabealo presented a new plan for a so-called "round robin auction," and those present were individually asked what variety of coins they would desire to be included in such auctions. Further contributions were received from

members towards the purchase of a projection machine for the club use. Two new members were admitted.

As scheduled, Dr. Chas. Harbeck brought to the meeting his projection machine with which he showed enlarged pictures of various silver and gold coins in his collection as well as of other coins brought by the members. The coins thus shown included both ancient and modern pieces of great beauty. Short descriptive explanations of the various coins added to the interest.

Dr. Emmons announced that the fall meeting of the California State Numismatic Ass'n will be held at Santa Monica at which time it is expected that many Los Angeles members will be in attendance.

— EARLE K. STANTON, Secretary

MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — The 165th monthly meeting was held June 18th at the Red Arrow Club with 31 members and 5 guests present. President Carr presiding. One visitor applied for membership.

After reports of officers, President Yeoman and Vice-President Culver, of the Central States Numismatic Society presented to Mr. Carr, the plaque for being the body making the best showing in the A.N.A. National Coin Week; this being the third consecutive time the Milwaukee organization has received this award, the plaque now becomes the permanent property of the club.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Milwaukee Numismatic Society invite the American Numismatic Association to hold the 1950 Convention in Milwaukee, and that the general membership of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society be notified of this decision and given notice that the matter would be subject to another vote at the regular July 1948 meeting.

Displays: A. J. Bayer, 4 bronze pieces of the Claudian family of Rome; 1 each of Emperor Claudius, Nero Claudius Drusus, Germanicus, Antonia.

L. V. Hinkley: 2 silver tetradrachmas of Ptolemy of Egypt; 3 Pattern pieces of Henri Cristophe of Haiti, 1808, 7½, 15, and 30 sou. 6 large Napoleonic medals in silver; 1 5 franc piece of Henri V (Pretender) of France 1831, silver, countermarked half-real of Guatemala on a Peruvian Sol; 1 taler of Edw. Farnese of Italy, 1626, silver.

George Knippel: 3 Presidential Mint Medals of Lincoln, Johnson and Grant.

F. S. Smith: 1 Stater of Julius Caesar, 1877 Cent, unc., 1 \$20.00 of Moffet & Co. 1853, 4 Austrian ducats; Alaska set, gold ¼, ½, and 1 Drop.

W. J. Boeyer: Mexican gold, 1945, 2 centavos; silk, linen, leather and porcelain coins from Germany; 1575 Taler of Austria; 1 cotton Nickel, 3 wooden nickels of Lehigh Valley Coin Club.

— H. R. STERRETT, Secretary

MISSOURI NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — The 106th meeting held May 10 at the Hotel Melbourne with President Frick in the Chair and 25 members and guests present.

Reports were made by members who participated in National Coin Week.

Geo. Yehling read several articles including one on bills to coin commemorative half dollars.

— AL WICK, Secretary

NEW HAMPSHIRE COLLECTORS' CLUB — The twelfth meeting and annual banquet was held at Meadowbrook, near Penacook, N. H., on Sunday, May 23rd, with 41 members and guests present. After a short business meeting which followed a delicious dinner, President Davis introduced the speaker of the afternoon, James Ford Clapp, Jr., of Boston, Mass., who gave a most interesting lecture on "Coins and Stamps of the Popes," illustrating his talk with specimens from his own cabinet. It was enjoyed by all present, and

shows the result of considerable study and research.

After the lecture there were several displays of coins by both members and guests, among them being the Hines 1799 large cent, owned and displayed by Harold Whiteneck of Boston, who also had many other interesting coins on display, among the most interesting being a 50 reale piece of Spain, the first seen by many of those present. Other exhibitions were by Jesse Klien of Boston, of California gold; Arthur Cahn of coins which were in the burning of Manila; and by O. B. Vikre of several sets of coins. It was by far the most successful meeting of the year, and did not adjourn until nearly six o'clock.

—NORMA C. LOVEJOY, Secretary

NEW JERSEY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY —

The 174th meeting was held at the Newark Athletic Club on June 10th. Twenty-seven members and guests were present.

Harold S. Brower, 216 Dayton St., Ridge-wood, New Jersey, was elected to membership. James Wade gave a most interesting talk on the Dept. of Engraving and Printing.

Exhibits as follows:

Mrs. Brookes: Cincinnati '49D.

Mr. Purrrington: Hard Times Tokens; \$2 Note autographed by Gilfillan; Hopi Indian Medal.

Mr. Knoke: Set of Swiss coins.

Mr. Brookes: New Zealand Coin Club 1940 Centennial Medals; silver and copper proofs; 6 Dineros of the Island of Irica.

Mr. Ward: Set of Lincoln Cents.

Mr. Ragot: Hard Times Tokens; Broken Bank notes of Florida, Medals, Plaques.

Mr. Goodman: 1861 V. S. Cents with 8 die varieties.

Mr. Witzel: 2 Kroner of Norway; 1 Ecu, France 1793 Louis XVI.

Mr. Blaizdell: 1908 \$20 gold, no motto; 1834 first type \$2½, 1858-C, \$1 gold, 1879 \$5 gold.

Mr. Ulrich: U. S. and Cal. gold.

Mr. Sassenko: New Jersey cents 1786, 1787, 1788.

Mr. Bishops: Gold, 1853 City of Frankfort; 1786 Pius VI Vatican, 1753 Hamburg; in silver 1829, 10 mark Bavaria.

Mr. Mathews: 1798 over 97 Dime, Mormon \$5 gold.

Mr. Francis: Netherlands Lion Dollar, 1576.

Mrs. Douglas: Unusual medals of Clay, Taylor and Cass.

Mr. Douglas: 16 small Grub bronzes.

Mr. MacGrath: Japanese issue invasion money, Lusitania Medal, H. T. Tokens.

Mrs. Travis: 12 H. T. Tokens.

Mr. Bauser: Coins of Belgium, Netherlands.

Mr. Blake: English Silver Pennies, Set of Maundy Money 1839.

Mr. Thatcher: Hard times tokens and store cards.

—MRS. DAMON G. DOUGLAS, Secretary

NEW YORK NUMISMATIC CLUB —

Meeting of June 11th, 1948. Joseph Spray, president, presided. Eighteen members and two guests were present.

Topics for the evening: Five Cent nickels 1866 to 1883; Coins of Denmark, Iceland and Greenland, and Danish West Indies; and, New Acquisitions.

Exhibits were made by the following:

L. Kusterer: U. S. 5c pieces 1866 recut 6; 1867 recut 7; 1868 upset reverse; 1882 mis-struck, Greenland, 1926 set, 1 krone, 50, 25 ore. Danish West Indies, 1845 20 shilling; 1859 20 cent; 1859 5 cent; 1878 20 cent; 1904 20 franc piece.

M. F. Kortjohn: Nickels 1866 to 1883 complete; 10, 5 kroner tokens of Thule, Cape York, Greenland; also other coins of Green-land. Complete set of 20th century coins of Iceland, including republic.

H. K. Downing: Connecticut Cent 1786 (7-K); 1787 Fugio Cent (Restrike in brass).

Oscar G. Schilke: 1914 \$10 of Canada; 1819

4 escudo of Ferdinand VII of Spain.

R. P. Breden: Corinth-hemidram or diobol (?). Obverse: Aphrodite. Reverse: Pegasus. 400-338 B.C.

Joseph H. Spray: Set of proof nickel five-cent pieces from 1866 to 1883, showing all three varieties of 1883, and the two of 1867.

S. M. Mosser: Bronze of Julian II. 361-363 A.D.

Arthur W. Deas: U. S. ½c 1805.

E. T. English: Persia, 10 toman 1882 A.D.

R. S. Holzman: 5 German medals of Franco-Prussian war.

R. Gallo: Large cents 1820 A5-A13; 1821 N2, 1822 A10, A11, 1795 D. 70 in choice condition.

John R. Francis: Bank scales for ½ and 1 sovereign, Great Britain.

H. J. Erlanger: New Acquisitions: ducat of Count Christian Albrecht of Wolfstein, no date, (about 1717) by P. P. Werner. Half taler of Prince Christian Friedrich Carl of Hohenlohe-Kirchberg by A. P. Dallinger, 1804. Medal commemorating the 100th anniversary of the death on the battlefield of Prince Leopold Friedrich Victor of Hesse-Homburg, 1913 (by Lauer).

D. G. Douglas: Greek hemidrachm and diobols.

Mrs. D. G. Douglas: Six Wm. H. Harrison brass buttons made with dies.

Mrs. Damia T. Francis: U. S. 5c pieces 1867 to 1883.

E. K. Hessberg: U. S. 5c nickel proofs 1873, 1881, 1882, 1883.

V. L. Brown: Japan 50 sen 1947; Canada 5c 1947 with maple leaf after date.

An announcement was made of the death of one of the founders of this Club, Thomas L. Elder. The members all stood for one minute of silence in his honor. Mr. Elder was the last surviving charter member.

Raymond D. Allen was elected a member of this Club.

A letter was read from George H. Blake, expressing his appreciation for the gift which the Club gave to him on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

A letter was read from H. A. Seaby, District Secretary of the A.N.A. in London, England, stating that Mr. Gilbert Askew of B. A. Seaby, Ltd., would probably attend the A.N.A. Convention in Boston and would be in New York City at the time of our meeting on September 10th. The secretary replied to Mr. Seaby and wrote to Mr. Askew stating that we would be happy to have him as our guest speaker for that evening.

The Executive Committee suggested as topics for the July meeting: Liberty head nickels 1883-1912; Coins of Sweden; Political tokens of Benjamin Harrison; and Coins and medals with upset reverses. It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that these be the topics for the July meeting.

—VERNON L. BROWN, Secretary

OMAHA COIN CLUB — The 150th meeting held June 4 at the Joslyn Memorial with President Moulton in the Chair and 16 members present.

The Club Library was discussed at some length and several new items were promised it by Dr. Mauer.

Committees for the coming year were appointed.

Nominations for officers of the A.N.A. were discussed.

Mr. Ward read an article on the double eagle of 1933.

Dr. Mauer read an article on commemorative coins. — O. M. CAMPBELL, Secretary

OREGON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — The regular June meeting was held at the Benson Hotel in Portland, Oregon, on June 14th, with twenty-three members and guests present. An out-of-town guest was Sidney Card of Cee-peece, British Columbia.

President Ruff gave a brief report on the Centralia convention. He pointed out that the national officers present now realized that the Pacific Northwest was well ahead in numismatics, and that he himself came away from the convention with confidence that through the national organization and its growth in membership coin collectors can expect an era of great opportunity and advancement of numismatics. Various members who had attended praised the displays and the enjoyable program.

President Ruff announced the special meeting of June 28th in honor of Mr. Reagan and plans were made for special displays. The resignation of Hugh A. Davenport as vice-president of the club was read and accepted with regret. The president announced that the executive council would appoint his successor as provided for in the club constitution.

Displays included: F. A. Powell, Canadian nickels; Geo. McLary, Chinese paper money 1400 years old; Minnie Nelson, complete Booker T. Washington halves; Wendell Donaldson, German and Russian currency; W. A. Thompson, billon piece and also electrum stater of Carthage.

On June 28th approximately fifty members and guests of the Society met at the Rose Room in the Benson Hotel to honor Lewis M. Reagan, general secretary of the A.N.A.

Mr. Reagan was introduced by President Ruff and gave a short talk on the program and achievements of the A.N.A. F. C. Powell, treasurer of the society, presented Mr. Reagan with three medals, the 1947 and the 1948 Centralia convention medals, and the Beaver medal celebrating the Society's tenth anniversary on September 4, 1946.

The rest of the evening was taken over for informal visiting with the distinguished guest and for viewing the displays which were outstanding both as to variety and amount. Twenty-one people had brought displays ranging from buttons to gold mint sets, and from ancient Greek coins to "mickey mouse" money from the SW Pacific. There were many foreign coins and currency sets as well as complete mint sets. Professor Foran showed paper money of the world arranged in books for each country with historical data compiled on each. Peculiar to the Pacific Northwest was Mr. Bibler's collection of wooden, paper and leather money from the local towns, and the Oregon Beaver coin among Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons' gold collection.

— RUTH W. THOMPSON, Secretary

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The 388th meeting was held on Wednesday evening, June 23, at El Jardin Restaurant in San Francisco with 47 members and guests attending. Charles Knabenschuh was toastmaster for the evening and with Charlie's stories, the good food and the impromptu speeches by those attending the 33rd Anniversary Banquet was a complete success. Former Heavyweight Champion Tom Sharkey and his manager, Bill Miller, were on hand and entertained the group by relating some of their experiences of former days.

Congratulatory telegrams were received from Loyd Gettys, Abe Kosoff, and Mayor Robinson of San Francisco.

In recognition of his outstanding work in the field of numismatics over a period of many years, William Kraft was voted an Honorary Member of the Society.

President Steele read a letter from Mr. Powells requesting all club members to submit numismatic articles for the coming A.N.A. Convention.

The official Membership Drive came to an end with the awarding of the Jack-Pot prizes.

On display were a complete set of Panama Pacific Coins by Mrs. Harry Cutler and a nice lot of uncirculated U. S. coins donated by

Joseph Stack. The coins donated by Mr. Stack will be auctioned off at the July meeting.

— ALEXANDER W. RITCHIE, Secretary

PASADENA COIN CLUB — The 89th meeting was held June 16 at the Y.M.C.A., 235 E. Holly St., Pasadena, California. Vice President Weiger conducted the meeting which was attended by 15 members and guests.

Mr. Kabealo gave a talk on the meetings of the committee of the California State Numismatic Association which he had recently attended. He said that the committee had decided to hold the October Convention at the Ambassador Hotel, Santa Monica.

Mr. Furminger read an article on the 1804 silver dollar written for the West Coast Hobby Magazine by Mr. Langford who is a member of the Pasadena Coin Club.

— VREELAND H. FRASER, Secretary

PHILADELPHIA COIN CLUB — The 156th meeting of June 15 was held jointly with the members of the Philadelphia Electric Company Coin Club at the magnificent Country Club House of the Electric Company at Highland Park.

The dinner was attended by 55 members and guests and later eight others showed up.

President Tielman welcomed the members and conducted an election of officers for their Club.

Our president, Van Roekens, called on Col. Joseph Moss who, as a director of the A.N.A. and in their behalf, most graciously presented Julius Windner the 1948 silver medal of merit for his outstanding and tireless efforts associated with Adam Pietz in designing and executing this medal as well as the Presidential medal and the medal for National Coin Week.

Exhibits:

J. Iannarella: An early Christian copper coin used as a pass to the catacombs.

N. van Roekens: Complete set of large cents with the exception of 1804. Half cents, two cent pieces, and a California gold plated medallion of 1948.

A. Sipe: Four denominations of Maryland bank notes in crisp condition.

Dr. E. Arthur Whitney read a paper on "Coins Associated with Medicine." It was supplemented with slides.

— ARTHUR SIPE, Secretary

RACINE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — The 123rd regular meeting of the Society was held at the Y.M.C.A. on Thursday, June 10, 1948, at 8:00 p.m. President Harold Voelker was in the chair. Seventeen members and one guest were present. Joseph W. Carravetta applied for membership.

The club voted the following applicants to membership: John E. Ciboci, Lester Stahr, Stanley G. Petrak, Edward J. Uminski, Allen S. Porter, Jr., and Lawrence Groulik.

Allen S. Porter, Jr., gave a very interesting talk on the 1856 Flying Eagle Cent. He described the patterns in the various metals, and variations in design. He quoted from much that has been written as to whether or not this famous piece is a regular or pattern issue. The greater part of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of this controversy. A beautiful uncirculated specimen was shown by Louis Wisczynski, who explained the method of detecting an altered date of this type.

— R. S. YEOMAN, Secretary

RHODE ISLAND, COIN CLUB OF — The Annual Meeting was held June 11, at the Sheraton-Biltmore hotel, Providence.

Anselm Broburg presided over the 24 members and 16 guests in attendance.

Seven applications for membership were received.

The President reviewed the progress made by the Club during the past year and helped

us visualize our aims for the next year with pleasant anticipation. He urged all present to become members of the A.N.A. and to attend the Convention in Boston, August 21-25.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Rev. Anselm Broburg; vice president, Donald S. Wrathall; treasurer-librarian, Cyril Hunter; board member, Edward J. Hartnett; secretary, Mrs. Edna Czerwonka.

Jesse Klein gave a talk on gold coins.

Exhibits:

Mr. Klein: Gold coins including many rarities.

Mr. Charlebois: Split \$1 bill. German medal.

Mr. Sirr: U. S. half dollars.

Mr. Broburg: Foreign crowns and medals.

Mr. Grant: U. S. half cent 1795. B. T. Washington halves.

Mr. Whiteneck: Miscellaneous U. S. coins.

Mrs. Whiteneck: 29 coins of Leopold the Hogmouth.

Mr. Dodd: Miscellaneous coins and medals.

E. Broburg: Imitation paper money.

— ETHEL B. QUINCY, Secretary

RICHMOND COIN CLUB—The eighty-third regular meeting was held June 9 at the Byrd Park Clubhouse with eight members and one guest in attendance.

The meeting was opened by our President, Mrs. Helen G. Lewis, and after transaction of the usual formal business, she welcomed our guest.

A letter from Colonel Joseph Moss of Philadelphia declining the Club's invitation to be its guest speaker at this meeting for various personal reasons, but expressing the hope that he would be able to be with us for a meeting later in the fall, was read. Regrets were expressed that Colonel Moss could not be with us.

Mrs. Lewis then read a letter from our General Secretary, Lewis M. Reagan, stating that he would be with us at the August meeting. Elation on the part of all Club members in attendance was quite apparent and we are making great plans for said meeting. Mr. Griffin offered many helpful suggestions with regard to this meeting and stressed the importance of a nice attendance. These suggestions were fully discussed by those present.

Mrs. Lewis then brought up the matter of the July display at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, stating that she had received a letter from the Director thereof notifying us that the display had been cancelled due to the fact that he had resigned and all arrangements made by him were called off.

Hugh Griffin asked if anything could be done to get larger print for the Club meeting write ups in the Numismatist. Everyone agreed a willingness to write the Editor to this effect.

We were most fortunate to have the opportunity of viewing and hearing discussed one of the finest displays which we have been fortunate to present. Those displays were:

Mr. Ballance: Set of large cents 1793 through 1857; 3c Nickels of 1865 through 1889 in Br. Proof; 12 so-called dollars and 47 Patterns of 1c to \$1.00 including the excessively rare Perkins Dollar and the Fugio Cent without date.

Mr. Griffin: 9 varieties of the 1793 Cent Unc.; 1793 to 1857 cents Unc. and Proof; 1795 to 1804 Eagles; 14 Colonial Pine, Oak and Willow tree pieces; 1794 Dollar; Proof Half Cents 1793, 1794, 1795, 1831, 1832, and 1852; fifteen Proof Dollars.

Mr. Seneca: 200 choice U. S. Large Cents; Type set of Comm. Halves and choice U. S. Half Cents.

Mr. Shank: 40 Colonials V. F. to Proof, and quarter dollars of 1796, 1804, 5, 6, 7, 15, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25 over 23, 25 over 24, 27, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 37.

These displays were thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

— JOHN J. DRATT, Acting Secretary

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION—The 808th meeting was held June 15. President Cady conducted the meeting which was attended by 31 members and 8 visitors.

The following officers were installed for the coming year: President, S. Clark Place; vice president, J. J. Pittman; treasurer, A. J. Pittinger; secretary, Norman F. Prince; librarian, Frank E. Eichorn; curator, Floyd B. Newell.

The program of the evening was an informal series of talks by some of the newer members on the subject, "The Value of Membership in the R. N. A."

Exhibits:

Wm. Hutchinson: Complete set of Peace dollars.

Wilbur C. Place: Complete date set of U. S. large cents in choice condition. Set of small cents from 1856 to 1948.

J. J. Pittman: U. S. quarter dollar 1841. Barber type dimes including many scarce mint marks.

— NORMAN F. PRINCE, Secretary

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—The 132nd meeting and 11th Anniversary met at the Palace Hotel June 21st with a dinner and a meeting afterwards.

Lewis M. Reagan, General Secretary of the A.N.A. was the guest and speaker of the meeting. Twenty-eight members and sixteen guests were present. Out-of-town guests were S. J. Kebealo, of Pasadena and Jack Ogilvie, of Hollywood. Dr. Bruce L. Wallace spoke on the great work done by Charles Hines in displays and talks to schools and other organizations. President L. C. Panosh announced the fall meeting of California State Numismatic Association, to be held in Santa Monica, California, on October 9th and 10th, at the Ambassador Hotel. Our Junior Auxiliary was begun with two new members. The following displays were made by members:

A. J. Conyne: Trade Dollars, types of \$5.00 gold of all Mints; proof two and three cent pieces.

I. B. Knickerbocker: Large Cents, including a 1799, 1856 Flying Eagle 1c and 2c pieces.

Chas. C. Leuchner: German Depression Money, Chinese bronzes; a 1903 Quarter with a freak die break resulting in a D Mint mark.

L. C. Panosh: Swedish Commemorative coins.

A. J. Vigneault: Mexican Pesos, U. S. Bank Notes and Transportation tokens.

Sam Marcel: Early U. S. Dollars including a rare 1794; Series of \$10.00 and \$20.00 gold, including a San Francisco Assay Office piece.

Dr. B. L. Wallace: Chinese dollars, uncirculated Indian Head cents.

T. W. Ward: Roman Coins, illustrating mythical monsters.

Eugene D. Johnston: Proof set of 1883 minor coins and all Mints of 1883 U. S. gold.

Mr. Henry: A non-member, showed coins mounted in glass locket and between watch crystals.

— EUGENE D. JOHNSTON, Secretary

JUNIOR COIN COLLECTORS OF SAN FRANCISCO—Another interesting meeting of the Junior Coin Collectors of San Francisco was held in the Public Library on May 21st, with a subject of great interest and a display that helped make it so. George Ruge, with the "S" Mint for some 31 years and now General Foreman, Press Room, Coin Dept., presented a talk about the U. S. Mints, but particularly about the San Francisco Mint coining operations and some of his experiences of lasting interest. He had on exhibit many unusual items and many bits of literature and news notes of making of money, as published in magazines and periodicals.

The talk and the personal "tour" of the exhibits with those extra off the record and impromptu remarks left us no time to record the exhibits of those present, but exhibits were brought by Clifford H. Bloom, James Pol, Richard F. Webb, Robert Brown, and Roy Hill.

Participation Award ribbons for the recent presentation of COIN CITY for National Coin Week were passed out to those present, who participated. Our next meetings will be July 16th and Sept. 17th, and all young collectors in the San Francisco area are welcome.

— ROY HILL, Secretary pro tem

SEATTLE COIN CLUB—The Seattle Club was the fortunate recipient of a visit from Lewis M. Reagan at its 143rd meeting, June 24. The meeting was preceded by a dinner in the Gold Room of the Roosevelt Hotel.

Paul Fouts acted as Chairman of the meeting.

Don Zearing was proposed for membership and accepted.

Carl Subak told of his proposed trip to Europe to purchase chinaware for his firm. He talked on the trials and tribulations of receiving visas and passports and all things necessary to gain entrance into several different countries on one trip. He feels this should be an easy accomplishment because he makes the trip every year. He combs all available markets to add to his already very large collection of Roman coins.

Paul introduced Mr. Reagan who talked to us for some time on the policies of the A.N.A. He told us of the educational work now in progress, the drive for Junior Coin Clubs, the slides being prepared for lending purposes, of the supplement to the 50 year index, and among other things concluded with the words, "Numismatists are interesting people."

Mr. Reagan was besieged with questions, and proved that he knows all the answers. He impressed us as being a quiet man who sees all, hears all, and does a lot of thinking.

Carl Subak exhibited and talked about his beautiful Roman pieces. He had a complete denunciation set. Also coins of the Western Empire, and a group of Septimus Severus which depicted the entire history of his reign. His coins pictured the bridges he built, the animals in his circuses, many of his gods, including Bacchus, the God of Wine, because Bacchus was born in Leptus, and so also was Septimus Severus. This was one of the most interesting talks we have had for some time, and very informing, too.

Bob Barclay displayed siege pieces, Crowns of the Holy Roman Empire, and Multiple Talers. For a lad but eighteen Bob has an outstanding collection.

Chris Petersen was present with his growing Large Cent Collection and favored us with a look at the real 1793 Strawberry Sprig. This coin, along with the 1804 Dollar causes one to break the Tenth Commandment.

Gus Neilsen exhibited Horse Car Tokens of every size, color, material, shape and description.

Edward "Pop" Flieder showed us a paper money collection that we won't forget for a long time.

John Haberlin had just returned from the "Gold Diggins" in California and exhibited beautiful mineral specimens. John goes back a little farther than most of us in the history of coinage.

B. F. Talmadge exhibited a set of Commemorative Gold and a complete set of Proof nickels from 1866 to 1912S.

Craid Dermond exhibited his Oak Tree Shilling with a photograph of the Plaque in Boston dedicated to John Hull.

Howard Glickert brought his freaks. We never tire of looking at these because somehow "Glick" has an "in" and can get hold of things almost unobtainable.

Gerry Woods brought a complete set of

Buffalo nickels. We might add that Gerry, the lucky stiff, has access to all the nickels from Seattle's parking meters.

Gene DeNise showed 300 different Conder tokens dated 1793-1797.

— GENE DeNISE, Secretary

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF—The 152nd meeting was held April 20 with the president, C. A. Priaux, in the Chair.

The death of Canon T. H. Frewin, one of the founders of the Club, was reported.

Five collectors were admitted to membership. "How Britannia Came to the British Coinage" was the subject of an interesting and thought-provoking paper presented by R. G. Guy. He traced the origin of this type to the coins of the Roman emperors and dealt with Roettiers' work upon the first Britannia used in England. J. Hunt Deacon gave a humorous account (in the dialect) of a Glo'ster man's description of Britannia on the bronze coins.

Exhibits:

H. P. Whittle: Complete series of Britannia on English coins from Charles II to date.

C. W. Reed: Complete set of the 1948 Maundy money (53 pieces) in the original white bag.

J. Hunt Deacon: Two coins of Georgia.

— J. HUNT DEACON, Secretary

SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB—The 361st meeting was held at the Museum of Fine Arts with nine members and two visitors present.

After the regular business meeting an interesting exhibit was put on by Mr. Carr and Mr. Cignoni. It consisted of Canadian Bank Tokens, Ship and Colonies Tokens, Sous, U. S. A. hard time Tokens and U. S. A. legal tender notes of the years 1862, 1892, 1896 and 1917 series. An unusual article displayed was a balance-scale used in the 17th century to show the depreciation in weight of the English guinea.

An auction followed the entertainment.

— CARL W. CARRIER, Secretary

SYRACUSE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—Meeting held June 4 in the Fine Arts Building Syracuse Museum. Six members were present.

A tentative outline of the program for the coming year prepared by Mr. Gramlich, was read by Mr. Cassidy. This program was discussed and approved.

— FRANK O. WEBSTER, Secretary

CAPITOL CITY COIN CLUB OF VERMONT—The first meeting was formed and called to order on April 8, with 14 in attendance.

These officers were elected: President, Alfred A. McCarty; treasurer, Archie McQuestion; secretary, Edward Morrill.

Mr. McCarty gave a talk on U. S. coins and currency.

It is planned to hold regular meetings the second Tuesday of each month.

— ALFRED A. MCCARTY, President
R. 2, Montpelier, Vt.

VICTORIA (AUSTRALIA), NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF—The 24th regular meeting was held April 16 at the Kurrajong House, 177 Collins Street, Melbourne. Thirty-three members and guests were present. Five new members were added to the roster of the club.

Raymond Marcollo described and illustrated the various methods of making rubbing, tin foil impressions and plaster casts of coins. His talk proved to be highly instructive and was greatly enjoyed by those present.

— ROY W. FARMAN, Hon. Secretary

WESTCHESTER COUNTY COIN CLUB—Regular meeting held June 15 at the Y.M.C.A. with Vice President Pearson in the Chair and sixteen in attendance.

After the regular business the following exhibits were made:

Mr. Dewey: Minor coins of Hyderabad, Iceland, Ireland, Iraq.

Mr. Olmstead: Coins of Ireland, Italy, India, Japan.

Mr. Bellus: Coins of King Emanuel III and Somaliland.

Mr. Tancza: Japanese paper money, 1000 pesos to one centavo.

Mr. Tarter: 1864 3c sil, 1882 10c proof, 1900 10c proof, 1890 25c proof, 1883 dol. proof, 1883 dol. proof trade, 1883, 1892 50c proof.

Mr. Mahoney: 1 cent 1910 over 09, 1824 over 22, dime 1823 over 22, 1831 over 1831, 1842 over 1841.

Mr. Weidhaas: U. S. Overdates — 1800 over 1799, 1800 over 1798, 1800 over 179-, 1810 over 1809, 1811 over 1810, 1820 over 1819, 1819 over 1818, 1823 over 1822, 1824 over 1822, 1839 over 1836, 1884 over 81, 1851 over 81, coins of Iceland, India, Ireland, Isle Of Man, Iraq, Iran, Italy, Japan, Java, and Jersey.

Mr. Massey: Iceland 1 Krona, 2 Aurar, Italy 5, 10, 20 cent pieces, dump money of Hyderabad.

Mr. Johnson: Colonial notes, Mass. Bounty note 10 pounds, 4 shilling Pine Treenote, N. J. three pound six, Del. 20 Shilling, Two Ark. notes not listed in cat. 1870, 1874.

Mr. Skipton: Coins of Mexico, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bohemia, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Germany, Guatemala, Haiti, Italy, Peru, Russia, and Switzerland.

Mr. Lighte: Set of six wooden medals commemorating the International Exhibition at Philadelphia July 4, 1876. Also nine other medals. — ALBERT F. GREER, Secretary

WESTERN RESERVE NUMISMATIC CLUB

— The 327th meeting was held June 9, at Hotel Carter with 35 present.

Announcement of the annual Penn-Ohio Coin Clubs annual display, auction and banquet to be held June 12 was made. Lucien H. Fowler, Robert K. Sprentall and Sidney Watkins were elected to membership.

Subjects presented on the evening program were:

Mr. Poxon: Minor Coins of Australia.

Mr. Sawicki: Story of the Admiral Vernon Medals.

Mr. Bell: Philosophy of Marcus Aurelius.

Mr. Drawing: Tokens of the Canadian Islands.

Mr. Spencer: The Comet Denarii of Augustus.

The following exhibits were briefly described: Mr. Bell: Greek and Roman coins; silver marriage medal, 1563.

Clyde Drawing: 12 Canadian tokens including a Magdalene Island struck by Sir Isaac Coffin.

Fred Hahlen: One and two pence cartwheel coins of Great Britain; Kentucky, Arkansas and Lynchburg half dollars.

Fred Rosenthal: 1794 and 1808 large cents.

J. F. Sawicki: Admiral Vernon medal, Shakespeare medal; tetradrachm of Alexander, didrachm of Metapontum.

A. P. Spencer: Denarius of Augustus with comet reverse.

— AMBROSE P. SPENCER, Secretary

WICHITA COIN CLUB — The twentieth meeting was held on June 17th, in Kansas Gas and Electric Company Club rooms with sixteen members and guests present.

Our Secretary read a very interesting letter of appreciation received from Col. Joseph Moss, in which he expressed thanks to our club for the dinner reception in his honor June 1.

Summer meeting of August will be skipped and following fall session will open with September meeting.

Ted Hammer exhibited a "Shield" of fractional currencies and gave a very interesting treatise on the "why and what" of this Treas. Dept. invention. Mr. Rumpf exhibited various porcelain coins of Siam, glass money of Egypt, and porcelain money of Germany issued in 1921. Guests were called upon for interviews as to interests in coins. Some very interesting answers were given. By showing an interest in new guests ideas some new members were recruited for the club. Here is an idea for others. — C. B. EDWARDS, Secretary

BOOK REVIEWS

A CATALOGUE OF ROMAN COINS. Compiled by Gilbert Askew. 126 pp. 8 vo. Paper covers. Numerous line cut illustrations. Published by B. A. Seaby, Ltd., 65 Great Portland St., London, W 1, England. Price \$1.

The purpose of this catalogue is not primarily to serve as a permanent sale list but rather as a simple guide to the collector, particularly the beginner, interested in Roman coins. It contains a large amount of information including articles on denominations, reverse types and mint marks. Scattered throughout the text are numerous historical and biographical notes which add much to the usefulness of the catalogue. Each coin listed is given a catalogue number and a valuation. Over 3,000 different coins are listed.

The cataloguers have many of the coins in stock and propose to sell them at the prices listed.

We know of no other inexpensive catalogue as useful and comprehensive as this and heartily recommend it to all collectors of Roman coins. — S.M.

THE COIN COLLECTORS' JOURNAL. May-June 1948. Published every other month by Wayne Raymond, Inc., P. O. Box 431, Mineola, New York. Subscription \$2 a year.

This issue of the *Journal* is dedicated to the California Centennial and leads off with a feature article by Fred R. Marckhoff entitled "The Development of Currency and Banking in California." Unlike most writers, Mr. Marckhoff does not assume that the numismatic history of California begins and ends with the privately issued gold coins which first appeared in 1849.

After giving a brief history of California from its earliest period of currency and banking, 1769-1845, he has arranged his information in chronological order. Bank Notes, Exchange Drafts, Mining Company Scrip, and Municipal Scrip are discussed under separate headings and the essay is concluded with a comprehensive list of California banks, up to and including 1865.

Much of the information given by Mr. Marckhoff is the result of patient searching and writers of the future will do well to consult this article before they attempt a numismatic history of California. — S.M.

MONETE ITALIANE MODERNE A SISTEMA DECIMALE. (Modern Italian Coins of the Decimal System.) From Napoleon First Consul to Victor Emanuel III. By Mario Ratto. Milan 1947.

This extremely useful "catalogue" is no catalogue at all, but a standard reference work on this series. Arranged similar to the Guillauteau work on French coins, Mr. Ratto's book is complete, accurate, well illustrated by good photographs, and the answer to a collector's prayer. Every type is shown, rarity given, and mint marks, etc., explained.

NUMISMATICA. Bi-monthly Review. Rome, XII, 5/6. September-December 1946. Catching up on the backlog of wartime delays, the finest Italian numismatic publication is also fast becoming one of the world's leaders in the field. Slightly preponderant in the ancient series, this number contains four major articles and a great number of smaller pieces, also book reviews, club activities, comments, etc., etc.

NUMISMATICA. Rome, XIII 1/3. January-June 1947. This double number is full of important and instructive material. Most important perhaps is Col. Tedesco-Zammarano's Contributions to Axumite Numismatics. Ludovico Laffranchi writes on the numismatic monuments of the tyrant Domitianus Domitianus, and there are again many shorter pieces of considerable interest, also an exact biography of numismatic publications in the entire world, including the U.S. — H. W. HOLZER.

EARLY ARABIC GLASS WEIGHTS AND STAMPS. George C. Miles. American Numismatic Society. Numismatic Notes and Monographs. No. 111. 1948. 168 pp. XIV plates.

Dr. Miles is undoubtedly the most prominent Islamic scholar whose attention has been directed to numismatics in recent times. No general handbook on the subject has been published since the British Museum Catalogue in 1891.

His work on the Arabic glass is an outstanding contribution to this series in that he has endeavored to arrange and systematize the information on the subject, with a catalogue of 220 specimens.

Glass weights have always been an intriguing subject on which not too much source material has been available in English. This monograph treats with scientific exactitude and yet considerable readability for the novice of the series, realizing that the average person referring to this work will have little of the technical linguistic training which the author has at his disposal.

The new format of the Society's monographs is in an enlarged style 6"x9" which is a decided improvement over the previous 110 monographs, which had definite limitations particularly because of the small area for plates.

The monograph includes an interesting chapter by Frederick R. Matson on the "Manufacture of Eighth Century Glass Weights and Stamps" (pp. 31-69) which reconstructs by deduction and analysis much data to enrich the more formal metrological and descriptive catalogue in the other sections of the work, by Dr. Miles. — D. M. BULLOWA.

ANNUARIO NUMISMATICO RINALDI, 1948. 3rd year of issue. 138 pp. Contains articles by O. Ravel: "The Techniques of Coinage of Greek Coins," L. Bosso: "Italian Coins of Swiss Type." Dr. A. Dell'Erba: "Curiosities of a Neapolitan Coin." It also includes a numismatic directory and an interesting review of the events of the centennial year 1848, crucial in the formative period in uniting Italy under a single temporal sovereign. — D.M.B.